STATE OF MONTANA

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, *nurse practitioners (NPs) serve a critical role as trusted health care providers for patients in Montana, and work to expand health care access in communities across our state and improve health outcomes for all; and*

WHEREAS, *NPs provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty health care services while emphasizing disease prevention and health education; and*

WHEREAS, *the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 1 billion visits made annually across the country; and*

WHEREAS, *better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws, like the Full Practice Authority, and other policies helps promote a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and quality health care system; and*

WHEREAS, *leading governmental and policy entities, including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association and Federal Trade Commission, have taken notice of the benefits of providing patients access to NP-delivered care;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim November 9-15, 2025*

NURSE PRACTITIONER APPRECIATION WEEK

in Montana to highlight the pivotal role they play in the health and well-being of our communities.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor