

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** 5,300 nurse practitioners (NPs) across the Palmetto State provide high-quality, cost-effective, and patient-centered health care to people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS,** NPs practice in a variety of care settings, including private office practice, hospitals, schools, long-term care facilities, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics, and more than 18 percent practice in rural settings; and

**WHEREAS,** NPs throughout South Carolina order, perform, and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medication and other treatments; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to clinical services, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and education and counseling, helping to guide patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 13 - 19, 2016, as**

### **NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize nurse practitioners for their contributions to the delivery of quality healthcare services to the people of the Palmetto State.



**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**