



Proclamation

Whereas, nurse practitioners (NPs) are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have advanced clinical education and training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

Whereas, there are 222,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and 704 in Wyoming providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

Whereas, nurse practitioners diagnose, treat and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

Whereas, citizens of our state and nation have great trust in the high-quality care nurse practitioners provide, resulting in more the 870 million patient visits annually to NPs across the country; and *Whereas*, 21 states and the District of Columbia have implemented Full Practice Authority for nurse practitioners, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care providers; and

Whereas, better utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized state laws and improved system policies creates a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher 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 nurse practitioner Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and

Whereas, Gillette Wyoming is proud to recognize and honor the service of nurse practitioners to our state;

Be it Resolved, therefore, I, Louise Carter-King by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of Gillette, County of Campbell, and State of Wyoming do HEREBY PROCLAIM November 13-19, 2016, as

National Nurse Practitioner Week in the City of Gillette

In recognition of the countless contributions that nurse practitioners have made over the past half century and will continue to make the health and well-being of the citizens of Gillette.

Signed this 15th day of November 2016.

(Attest)

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

