



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The strength of our healthcare system is sustained by the knowledge, skill, and compassion of countless professionals, including dedicated nurse practitioners. Trained in providing primary, acute, and specialty care, nurse practitioners offer comprehensive, patient-centered services that make a meaningful difference in the lives of more than one billion patients and their families each year. As the healthcare landscape continues to evolve, these providers answer the call, delivering essential care in clinics, hospitals, emergency rooms, long-term care facilities, and communities across the country.

Nurse practitioners provide exceptional care by conducting and interpreting advanced diagnostic tests, managing chronic conditions, responding to urgent medical needs, and prescribing medications that support healing and recovery. Through their expertise and unwavering commitment to their patients, these professionals strengthen the health and well-being of communities throughout the Lone Star State. The tens of thousands of men and women who serve as nurse practitioners are an invaluable part of our healthcare system and play a vital role in ensuring Texans have access to quality care.

Each year, a week in November is dedicated to recognizing the countless contributions and steadfast service of nurse practitioners throughout Texas and our nation. During this observance, I encourage all Texans to honor these dedicated professionals for their commitment to caring for others and improving the health of our communities. Their service will continue to make a lasting difference across the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 8 – 14, 2026, to be

Nurse Practitioners Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 28th day of September, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas