



# Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF COMAL           §  
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS   §

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners serve as trusted frontline health care providers for patients; and

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners are highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 248,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and 21,099 in Texas providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to diagnosing and treating acute and chronic conditions, nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

**WHEREAS**, the confidence that patients have in nurse practitioner-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion annual patient visits made to nurse practitioners across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

**WHEREAS**, better utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized state laws and improved system policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, 22 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**, 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**, the City of New Braunfels is proud to recognize and honor the service of our nurse practitioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL**, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, do hereby proclaim November 11 through 17, 2018 as

## NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
BARRON CASTEEL, MAYOR