Proclamation

NURSE PRACTITIONERS' WEEK
November 8-14, 2026

NURSE PRACTITIONERS' WEEK PROCLAMATION
TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8-14, 2026, AS
NURSE PRACTITIONERS' WEEK

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) are advanced practice registered nurses who have master's, and often doctorate degrees and extensive clinical training in the diagnosis and management of common and complex medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty health care services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, partnering with patients to improve their health; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners work to expand health care access in communities across our state, promote health equity in care and improve health outcomes for all; and

WHEREAS, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners support the increasing demand for mental health and substance abuse services by diagnosing and educating patients, prescribing medications and managing treatment plans; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 385,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and more than 17,500 licensed NPs in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,500 nurse practitioners in Virginia are practicing with autonomous licenses, thereby increasing access to patient care in the Commonwealth; and

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

WHEREAS, nearly six 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 policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality health care system; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Appomattox is proud to recognize and honor the service of nurse practitioners to our Commonwealth.

Be It Resolved, therefore, that I, Richard Conner, as Mayor of the Town of Appomattox, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of November 8-14 as NURSE PRACTITIONERS' WEEK

And invite all citizens to join me in recognizing the countless contributions Nurse Practitioners have made over the past half century and will continue to make to the health and well-being of citizens.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2026

Attest: _____
Mayor