

PROCLAMATION

of the Board of Supervisors



WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted health care providers for patients in our state; and

WHEREAS, in this year, 2020, we celebrate the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife; and

WHEREAS, NPs are working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients with COVID-19 and to combat community spread nationwide, while grieving NP colleagues who have lost their lives during the pandemic. NPs work to expand access to care in underserved communities, end health disparities and combat systemic racism in health care; and

WHEREAS, NPs provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty care services while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and

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

WHEREAS, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to NPs across the country; and

WHEREAS, more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs, and there are more than 290,000 licensed NPs in the United States; and


WHEREAS, better utilization of NPs 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, 22 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands have implemented Full Practice Authority for NPs, 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 NP Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors proclaim November 8–14, 2020, as **National Nurse Practitioner Week** in recognition of the countless contributions NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make on behalf of the health and well-being of citizens in our state.

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Estelle Fennell, Chair