



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 10, 2020

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4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma, State of California, Proclaiming the November 8 to 14, 2020 as National Nurse Practitioners Week in the County of Sonoma

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners serve as trusted health care providers for patients in our state and our county and in this year, 2020, we celebrate the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners are working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients with COVID-19 and to combat community spread nationwide, while grieving Nurse Practitioner colleagues who have lost their lives during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners work to expand access to care in underserved communities, end health disparities and combat systemic racism in health care and provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty health 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, Nurse Practitioners are highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training, building upon their initial registered nurse preparation and the confidence that patients have in Nurse Practitioner-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually 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 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, 22 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands have implemented Full Practice Authority for Nurse Practitioners, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care professionals and there are more than 290,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in the United States, and more than 23,000 in California; and

WHEREAS, leading governmental and policy entities including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association and

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Federal Trade Commission have taken notice of the benefits of Nurse Practitioners Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County is proud to recognize and honor the service of Nurse Practitioners to our County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby proclaim November 8 to November 14, 2020 as National Nurse Practitioners Week in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins

Gorin:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.