



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Proclaiming The Week Of November 7 to 13, 2021 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

**Whereas,** Nurse Practitioners are at the forefront of efforts to combat COVID-19, educating patients about prevention and equitable vaccine distribution; 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 emphasizing 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 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 improves policies, and creates better health through a more accessible,

efficient, cost-effective, and higher-quality health care system; and

**Whereas**, 23 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 outstanding care offered by these health care professionals and there are more than 325,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in the United States, and 26,000 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 Federal Trade Commission have taken notice of the benefits of providing patients full and direct access to Nurse Practitioner care; and

**Whereas**, SONOMA COUNTY is proud to recognize and honor the service of Nurse Practitioners to our County;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby proclaim November 7 to November 13 as National Nurse Practitioners Week in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

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**So Ordered.**