

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Texas is a home to over 27,000 highly skilled nurse practitioners with advanced graduate nursing education and clinical training. These dedicated professionals provide high quality, personalized health care to countless Texans, and their expertise and hard work are critical to the well-being of communities throughout the City of Boerne; and

WHEREAS, among their many duties, nurse practitioners perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose, and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments. In addition to clinical service, nurse practitioners educate patients on smarter health and lifestyle choices by focusing on disease prevention, health education, and counseling; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners are highly valued members of Texas' health care community, making one billion patient visits annually across the state and country to ensure patients can access the care they need. Five decades of research demonstrate the high quality of care nurse practitioners provide, quality that has been extolled by leading policy and government entities such as the National Academy of Medicine, National Governors Association, Federal Trade Commission, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, as Texas continues to respond to the challenges posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the professional and compassionate care of nurse practitioners remains vital. To raise awareness of nurse practitioner's essential role in health care, a public awareness campaign will be conducted throughout the City of Boerne during the week of November 12th, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Frank Ritchie, hereby declare November 12-18, 2023, as

Nurse Practitioner Week.

and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate our nurse practitioners who will no doubt help to pave the way for a healthier, happier future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Boerne, Texas to be affixed on this the 14th day of November 2023.

Frank Ritchie, Mayor
City of Boerne, Texas