## PROCLAMATION OF THE

## SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 10 – 16, 2024 AS AS NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners (NPs) have served a critical role as trusted healthcare providers for decades; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the confidence that patients have in NP delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 1 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

**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 healthcare system; and

**WHEREAS,** more than half the nation, including 27 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, have adopted Full Practice Authority legislation, offering patients full and direct access to the outstanding care provided by NPs; 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 NP delivered care; and

**WHEREAS**, leading NPs serve as the provider of choice for many Floridians health and welfare of our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Seminole County is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our state and county; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, hereby proclaim November 10 – 16, 2024 as

## **National Nurse Practitioner Week**

in Seminole County, FL

ADOPTED this 12nd day of November 2024.

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Jay Zembower, Chairman Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners