

Proclamation

There are more than 120,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States and 852 advanced practice registered nurses in Hawai'i. Nurse practitioners, who have advanced training, including master's degrees, as well as clinical training beyond that of a registered nurse, play a critical role in our health care system.

Nurse practitioners provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse settings, such as private practices; hospitals; long-term care facilities; nonprofit community health centers serving uninsured, underinsured and homeless populations; schools; state and local health departments; federal veterans health centers; managed care facilities and retail-based clinics.

Acting as partners with patients in health care, nurse practitioners provide their patients with cost-effective, high-quality health care and focus on health promotion, education and counseling; disease prevention; and guiding patients to smarter health and lifestyle choices.

The National American Academy of Nurse Practitioners has declared November 9 – 15 as National Nurse Practitioners Week. This year's theme, "Your Partner in Health," celebrates the unique and vital ways in which nurse practitioners strive to provide safe, quality health care while mapping out ways to improve our country's health care system.

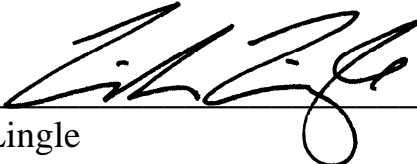
The state and people of Hawai'i value the contributions of nurse practitioners, and offer a sincere mahalo to those who offer compassion, expert advice and clear communication with patients every day.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **November 9 through 15, 2008, as**

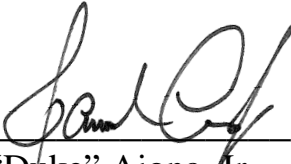
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in Hawai'i, and urge that residents honor the contributions of nurse practitioners in our state.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of October 2008.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i