

# ***PROCLAMATION***

**Whereas**, nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted frontline providers of healthcare for patients in our state; and

**Whereas**, NPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have advanced clinical education and training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

**Whereas**, there are 234,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States and 65 NPs in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages; and

**Whereas**, nurse practitioners diagnose, treat and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

**Whereas**, citizens of our state and nation have great trust in the high-quality care nurse practitioners provide, resulting in over one billion patient visits annually to NPs across the country; and

**Whereas**, five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

**Whereas**, better utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized state laws and improved system policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality healthcare system; and

**Whereas**, leading governmental and policy entities including the Veteran Affairs, the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the National Governors Association and Federal Trade Commission have taken notice of the benefits of nurse practitioner Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and

**Whereas**, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, is proud to recognize and honor the service of our nurse practitioners to our city and county.

**Be It Resolved**, therefore, that I, Mayor Carter Hendricks, Mayor of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, hereby declare November 12-18, 2017 as

## ***NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK***

in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in recognition of the countless contributions that nurse practitioners have made over the past half century and will continue to make to the health and well-being of citizens in our city.

***THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2017.***

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***CARTER M. HENDRICKS, MAYOR  
CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE***