

Office of the Mayor  
City of Fayetteville  
**Proclamation**



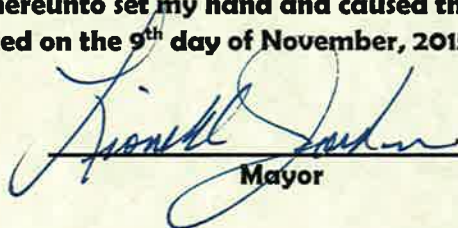
- WHEREAS:** there are more than 192,000 licensed nurse practitioners (NPs) in the United States with 1,677 NPs practicing in the state of Arkansas, providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, personalized health care for nearly half a century, and
- WHEREAS:** NPs have graduate, advanced education (most have master's degrees and an increasing number have doctorates), and
- WHEREAS:** NPs order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments, and
- WHEREAS:** 19 states and the District of Columbia have granted full practice authority to NPs, giving patients more direct access to the primary, acute and specialty care services that NPs provide, and
- WHEREAS:** NPs are truly partners in the health care of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices, and
- WHEREAS:** the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by NPs is established and well-documented, and the faith and trust that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 916 million visits made to NPs annually, and
- WHEREAS:** a majority of patients support legislation for greater access to NP services, and
- WHEREAS:** NPs provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics, and more than 18 percent of NPs practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000, and
- WHEREAS:** it is documented that patients of NPs are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other health care providers,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim the week of November 8 through 14, 2015 as**

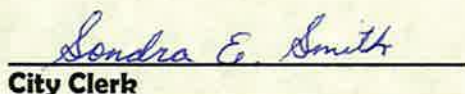
**“NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK”**

in Fayetteville, Arkansas in recognition of the many contributions that this dedicated group of health care professionals makes to the health and well-being of the people in the communities they serve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.**

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Clerk

