



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA



PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Nurse practitioners are trusted providers of healthcare in our Treasure Coast Community; and

**WHEREAS,** Nurse practitioners work to expand healthcare access in underserved communities, promote health equity, and improve health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS,** Patients rely on over 355,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the US, including 21,000 in Florida and nearly 1,800 on the Treasure Coast, to diagnose, manage, and treat their chronic and acute health conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** Nurse practitioners provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty health care services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and

**WHEREAS,** The confidence that patients have in nurse practitioner-delivered healthcare is evidenced by the more than 1 billion visits made annually to nurse practitioners across the country; and

**WHEREAS,** More than five decades of research demonstrate the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; 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 recognized the benefits of providing patients with full and direct access to care delivered by nurse practitioners; and

**WHEREAS,** Nurse practitioners serve as the providers of choice for many and play a pivotal role in the health and welfare of our communities. and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2023 as:

***Nurse Practitioner Week***

in the City of Fort Pierce and are proud to recognize and honor the countless contributions nurse practitioners have made over the past half-century and will continue to make on behalf of the health and well-being of citizens in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**





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