

State of Texas \*  
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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing November 13-19, 2022 as Nurse Practitioner Week in Comal County

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners (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 over 325,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and over 28,000 in Texas providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; 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 more than 870 million patient visits annually to nurse practitioners across the country; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 24 states and the District of Columbia have implemented Full Practice Authority for nurse practitioners, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care practitioners; and

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

**WHEREAS**, leading government and policy entities including 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 nurse practitioner Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and

**WHEREAS**, Comal County is proud to recognize and honor the service of nurse practitioners to our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County hereby declares November 13-19<sup>th</sup> as Nurse Practitioner Week in Comal County 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 the citizens of our county.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

*Absent*

Sherman Krause, County Judge

*Donna Eccleston*

Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

*Scott Haag*

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2

*Kevin Webb*

Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

*Jen Crossover*

Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: *Bobbie Koepf*

Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk

