

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Nurse Practitioner was from New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the role of Nurse Practitioners was developed in 1965 for the rural communities of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners for 51 years have provided excellent health care to New Mexicans in both rural and urban settings; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,670 licensed Nurse Practitioners in New Mexico providing high-quality, cost-effective health care; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners are Registered Nurses, with advanced education and advanced clinical training, most with Master's or post-Master's degrees; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners diagnose acute and chronic conditions, prescribe medications, treat illnesses and counsel patients on health care issues; and

WHEREAS, the excellence safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by the Nurse Practitioners has been established; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners 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, and managed care facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is documented that patients of Nurse Practitioners are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other health care providers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Ladner, Mayor of the Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico, in view of the inherent value of this, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2016 as

“Nurse Practitioner Week”

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 this great State of New Mexico and throughout the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 25th day of October, 2016.

Ken Ladner, Mayor
Attest:

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk