## MARSHALL COUNTY FISCAL COURT

## **PROCLAMATION**

## 2023 Nurse Practitioner Week

Whereas, nurse practitioners (NPs) play a critical role as trusted providers of health care for patients in Kentucky; and

**Whereas,** NPs work to expand health care access in underserved communities, promote health equity in care; and

Whereas, patients depend on the more than 10,000 licensed NPs in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to diagnose, manage, and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

**Whereas**, NPs 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 NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 1 billion visits made annually to NPs across our nation; and

**Whereas**, more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs; and

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

**Whereas**, more than half the nation has adopted Full Practice Authority legislation, offering patients full and direct access to the outstanding care provided by NPs; and

**Whereas**, NPs serve as the primary care provider of choice for many Kentuckians and play a pivotal role in the health and welfare of our communities; and

Whereas, Marshall County is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our county and state;

**Be It Resolved,** therefore, that I Kevin Spraggs, County Judge/Executive hereby declare November 12-18, 2023, as

## **Nurse Practitioner Week**

in Marshall County in recognition of the countless contributions NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make on behalf of the health and well-being of our citizens.

Signed:

Date: 9 November 2023