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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: October 25, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Hardy Bullock, District 5

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming November 13-19, 2022 as Nurse

Practitioner Week in Nevada County

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: In an effort to acknowledge the critical healthcare work that Nurse Practitioners provide to patients, National Nurse Practitioner Week is celebrated annually from November 13-19. The profession started in 1965; however, nurse practitioners were not legally recognized as healthcare providers for many years, which restricted them from accessing insurance reimbursement. Advocates began working with various stakeholders to ensure nurse practitioners were eligible for reimbursement. This is now changed with the passage of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act being passed by Congress in 1989 and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which formalized their legal status as healthcare providers eligible for reimbursement.

Although nurse practitioners are legally allowed to practice in all 50 states, some restrictions are still placed on their range of practice, even today. Such rules led to the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner (AANP) to create the first National Nurse Practitioner Week in 2004 to celebrate the importance of nurse practitioners and to advocate to remove the barriers to practice. As such, in an effort to highlight the critical work they provide throughout our community, I urge the Board to adopt the attached Resolution proclaiming November 13-19, 2022 as Nurse Practitioner Week in Nevada County and encourage members of the public to thank their local provider.

Sincerely,

Hardy Bullock District V Supervisor