

NATIONAL DNP WEEK 2026

Proclamation Template

Designing the Future: DNPs Leading Systems, Science, and Social Change

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)-prepared nurses represent the highest level of nursing practice preparation and serve as clinicians, educators, executives, innovators, entrepreneurs, policy leaders, researchers, and change agents across the health care continuum; and

WHEREAS, DNP-prepared nurses translate evidence into practice, lead quality and systems improvement, advance patient safety, strengthen health care delivery, and develop innovative solutions to complex challenges affecting individuals, families, communities, and populations; and

WHEREAS, DNP-prepared nurses provide leadership across hospitals and health systems, academic institutions, community and public health organizations, government agencies, professional organizations, businesses, and other settings where decisions affecting health and health care are made; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of DNP-prepared nurses strengthen the nursing profession while advancing interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation, evidence-based practice, health equity, and the transformation of health care systems; and

WHEREAS, National DNP Week provides an opportunity to recognize the diverse contributions of DNP-prepared nurses, elevate awareness of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, foster collaboration across the profession, and inspire current and future nurse leaders to use their expertise to create meaningful and sustainable change; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 National DNP Week theme, “Designing the Future: DNPs Leading Systems, Science, and Social Change,” recognizes the essential role DNP-prepared nurses play in translating knowledge into action and shaping the future of health and health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [NAME AND TITLE], on behalf of [STATE/CITY/COUNTY/ORGANIZATION], do hereby proclaim October 19–25, 2026, as NATIONAL DNP WEEK and encourage our community to recognize and celebrate DNP-prepared nurses for their leadership, scholarship, innovation, service, and contributions to improving health and health care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of [STATE/CITY/COUNTY/ORGANIZATION] to be affixed this [DAY] of [MONTH], 2026.

[Name] [Title] [State/City/County/Organization]

