



Proclamation

Presented to the

Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses is a national non-profit organization with 41,000 members who represent over 160,000 perioperative registered nurses in hospitals and outpatient surgery centers by providing nursing education, standards and clinical practice resources; and

WHEREAS, perioperative registered nurses (RNs) play an important role in protecting patients from antibiotic resistance and other risks, coordinating with surgeons, anesthesiologists, and other surgical personnel in the operating room; and

WHEREAS, perioperative RNs assess individual patient needs prior to surgery, prepare both the operating room and patient for surgery, implement patient care after surgery, and teach family members or caregivers about at-home care; and

WHEREAS, perioperative RNs are trained to focus on one patient at a time in a fast paced atmosphere, evaluating the patient's psychosocial, physical and emotional state when making critical decisions; and

WHEREAS, perioperative RNs are dedicated to learning best practices, improving safety measures, and using a wide variety of surgical equipment; and

WHEREAS, surgical patients rely on the skills, knowledge, and expertise of perioperative RNs who uphold a long tradition of improving surgical safety and the quality of patient care; and

WHEREAS, perioperative RNs are caring, supportive professionals, advocating for patients whose trust is in their hands;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 6 - 13, 2016 as

"PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the contributions that perioperative registered nurses make toward patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing this profession.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this third day of November 2016.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i