



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to the*

## **Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is a national non-profit organization with 41,000 members who represent over 160,000 perioperative registered nurses in hospitals and outpatient surgery centers; and

**WHEREAS**, AORN Hawai'i provides nursing education, standards and clinical practice resources to 180 members, all of whom are perioperative registered nurses (RNs) dedicated to learning best practices, improving safety measures, and using a wide variety of surgical equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, perioperative RNs work to provide the safest care and sterile environment for patients undergoing surgery in hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and physicians' offices; and

**WHEREAS**, perioperative RNs are trained to focus on one patient at a time in a fast-paced atmosphere, protect patients from antibiotic resistance and other risks, coordinate with surgeons, anesthesiologists, and other surgical personnel in the operating room, and evaluate the patient's psychosocial, physical and emotional state when making critical decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, perioperative RNs specialize in the care of patients immediately before, during and after surgery and other invasive procedures by assessing individual patient needs, preparing both the operating room and patient for the procedure, implementing post-surgery care and teaching family members or caregivers about at-home care; 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 12 - 18, 2017 as

## **"PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the contributions that perioperative registered nurses make towards patient safety and quality health care.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of November 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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