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

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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