



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, perioperative nurses specialize in the care of patients immediately before, during, and after surgical intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, serving in settings ranging from traditional hospital-based operating rooms to ambulatory surgical centers and physicians' offices, perioperative nurses work to provide the safest care possible for surgical patients; and

**WHEREAS**, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to surgery, prepare a plan for the care a surgical patient will receive and prepare the operating room and patient for surgery; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Perioperative Nurse Week recognizes the contribution perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, do hereby proclaim November 5-11, 2012 Perioperative Nurse Week.

## PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 5th day of October, 2012.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State