



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, Governor of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 5-11, 2012 as

National 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 November, 2012.



A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, written in a cursive style.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Rayett, written in a cursive style.

Secretary of State