



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the safety of every patient who undergoes an operative or invasive procedure is of the utmost concern to the perioperative registered nurse; and

WHEREAS, more than nine invasive procedures per 100 citizens are performed each year in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, patient safety is highly important to the quality of patient care in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the theme of perioperative Nurse Week 2011 is "The Freedom to Speak Out"; and

WHEREAS, the perioperative nurse speaks as the voice of our endangered population; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of perioperative registered nurses contributes to the welfare of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim the week of November 8-14, 2011 as

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 27th day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State