



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 surgery 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, develop a plan for the care of the patient, and prepare the operating room and patient for their procedure; and

WHEREAS, patients undergoing surgery and their loved ones 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 contributions perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 9-15, 2014, 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 ninth day of May, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hight".

Secretary of State