



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses specialize in the care of patients immediately before, during, and after surgical and other invasive procedures; and

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

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to and throughout the surgical or invasive experience, develop, implement, and continuously evaluate a plan for the care of the patient, and prepare the operating room and patient for their procedure; and

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses are responsible for monitoring all aspects of the patient's condition for the duration of each procedure and, through professional and patient-centered expertise, are responsible for care coordination after the procedure; and

WHEREAS, patients undergoing surgery and other invasive procedures 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 8-14, 2015 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 fourth day of September, 2015.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hight in blue ink.

Secretary of State

