

# Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

**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 surgical centers and physicians' offices, perioperative nurses work to provide the best care possible for patients undergoing surgical and other invasive procedures; and

**Whereas**, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to and throughout the surgical or invasive experience, develop a plan for the care of the patient, and prepare the operating room and patient for the procedure; and

**Whereas**, perioperative nurses are responsible for monitoring all aspects of a 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 contribution perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

**Now, Therefore**, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **November 12-18, 2017** as:

## *Perioperative Nurse Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.

  
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Jim Justice  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
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Mac Warner  
Secretary of State

