



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION **PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week**

WHEREAS, there are more than 60,000 perianesthesia registered nurses in the United States whose interest are represented by one of our nation's premier specialty nursing organizations, the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses; and

WHEREAS, perianesthesia nurses practice in all phases of perianesthesia and perianesthesia care, ambulatory surgery, and pain management; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the perianesthesia nursing profession meet the varied and emerging health care needs of the American population in a diversified range of environments; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses, as the representative for the perianesthesia nurses of this country, strives to advance nursing practice through education, research and standards; and

WHEREAS, perianesthesia nursing has been established as essential in the quality of health care and safety of patients in the hospital and ambulatory surgery settings; and

WHEREAS, the demand for perianesthesia nurses will only increase due to an aging American population, advances in medicine that are prolonging life, and the vast expansion of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, the inestimable value of the services and care provided by perianesthesia nurses will remain of paramount importance to the American health care system; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN), the Rhode Island Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (RIAPAN) has declared the week of February 3 – 9, 2020, as “PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week” in recognition of perianesthesia nurses’ steadfast commitment to patient care and the continued advancement of nursing practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim February 3 – 9, 2020, as: *PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week* and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 22 day of January, 2020

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State