

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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 physicians' offices, perioperative nurses work to provide the safest 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, implement, and continuously evaluate 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 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 that perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2020, as

Perioperative Nurse Week

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 5th day of November, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee

