



WHEREAS, there are more than 60,000 perianesthesia registered nurses in the United States, including Colorado, whose interests are represented by the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN); and

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

WHEREAS, perianesthesia nursing plays an essential role in upholding a long tradition of improving safety of patients and quality of healthcare in multiple diverse settings across our state, and perianesthesia nurses continuously meet the varied and emerging needs of patients in a distinct range of environments; and

WHEREAS, the perianesthesia nurses of this country strive to advance nursing practice through education, research and standards; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that as the American population ages, advances in medicine raise life expectancies, and home healthcare services expand, the demand for perianesthesia nurses will only increase, and that the value of the services and care they provide will remain an integral part of the American healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, this week, the state of Colorado joins ASPAN and the Rocky Mountain PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association in recognizing perianesthesia nurses throughout our state for their steadfast commitment to patient care and the continued advancement of nursing practices;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period between February 6 and February 12, 2023 as

PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this sixth day of
February, 2023*



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*