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## TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

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

WHEREAS, the perianesthesia nursing profession meets 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, the Missouri-Kansas PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association has declared the week of February 5-11, 2024, 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, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, February 5-11, 2024, as

## PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 2024

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State