



WHEREAS, there are more than 60,000 perianesthesia registered nurses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASpan), which represents perianesthesia nurses in our country, strives to advance nursing practice through education, research, and standards; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the demand for perianesthesia nurses and other healthcare professionals has been highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic, and a qualified and experienced healthcare workforce is vital to the long term health of Coloradans; and

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

WHEREAS, along with ASpan, the Rocky Mountain PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association (RMPANA) has declared the week of February 7-13, 2022, as "PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week";

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between February 7, 2022 and February 13, 2022, as

PERIANESTHESIA NURSES AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this seventh day of
February, 2022*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*