

# State of North Carolina

# **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

#### PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK

2017

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### **A 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 to develop, implement, and continuously evaluate a plan for the care of the patient, and to prepare the operating room and patient for their procedure; and

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses are responsible for monitoring all aspects of the patient's condition for the duration of each procedure, and for coordinating post-procedure care through professional and patient-centered expertise; 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 Nurses Week recognizes the contributions perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety, and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 12 – 18, 2017, as "PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.