

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK**

**2020**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has designated 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife to recognize and celebrate the work of nurses and midwives; and

**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 their 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

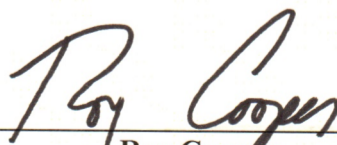
**WHEREAS**, patients undergoing surgery and other invasive procedures, and their loved ones, rely on the skills, knowledge, and expertise of perioperative registered nurses, who have long upheld the tradition of improving surgical safety and the quality of patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the pandemic, perioperative nurses have been redeployed to other care areas, including the front lines, in the fight against COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina 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 8 – 14, 2020, as **"PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 fifth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.