

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK

2023

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

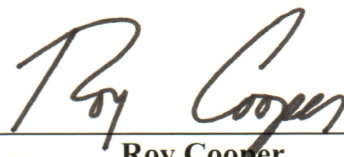
**WHEREAS**, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to and throughout the operative or other invasive procedures, and develop, implement, and continuously evaluate a plan for the care of the patient; and

**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 coordinating care after the procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, patients 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, 2023, 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 thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.