



Proclamation

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses specialize in the care of patients immediately before, during, and after surgical intervention; and,

WHEREAS, serving in settings ranging from traditional hospital-based operating rooms to ambulatory surgical centers and physicians' offices, perioperative nurses work to provide the best care possible for surgical patients; and,

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to surgery, prepare a plan for the care a surgical patient will receive and prepare the operating room and patient for surgery; and,

WHEREAS, surgical patients 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, the Association of perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN), is a 40,000 member strong organization with state and local chapters nationwide which supports perioperative registered nurses in hospitals and outpatient surgery centers; and,

WHEREAS, during the week of November 7-13, 2011 AORN and its members across the country will celebrate Perioperative Nurse Week; and,

WHEREAS, Perioperative Nurse Week recognizes the contribution perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 7 – 13, 2011 as **PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK** in Illinois, in recognition of perioperative registered nurses' important role and commitment to safe patient care.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this NINETEENTH day of OCTOBER, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

ELEVEN, and of the State of Illinois

the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR