

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses serve in a range of settings, from traditional hospital-based operating rooms, to ambulatory surgery centers and physicians' offices, and work to provide the safest care possible for patients undergoing procedures; and

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to and throughout procedures, 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 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 Nurse Week recognizes the contributions perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2017

PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3rd day of October, A.D. 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs