

## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

## PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK

WHEREAS, the health and well being of all Virginians are of paramount importance to the continued vitality and prosperity of our great Commonwealth; and

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, poriOperative 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, PeriOperative Nurse Week recognizes the contribution periOperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize November 8-12, 2010 as PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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