**Sample Time Out Day Proclamation**

**National Time Out Day June 14, 2023**

Whereas the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), is committed to safe surgery together;

Whereas since 2004, AORN and the Joint Commission have recognized National Time Out Day to bring greater awareness to the safe surgery practice of taking a “time out” before operative and other invasive procedures to prevent wrong-site, wrong-patient, wrong-procedure surgery;

Whereas the National Time Out Day initiative supports the Joint Commission’s Universal Protocol and builds greater awareness among surgical team members about the critical steps that keep patients safe;

Whereas the Time Out initiative's goal is to prevent errors by ensuring that all members of the surgical team pause before invasive procedures, so they can communicate as a group and confirm key information about the patient and the procedure;

Whereas wrong-patient, wrong-site, and wrong-procedure surgeries are rare, but can be life-altering for patients;

Whereas CITY/STATE commends perioperative and procedural teams across CITY/STATE, including members of AORN, for the hard work and dedication of teams daily to ensure safe environments for procedural and surgical patients and reduce unnecessary healthcare costs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that INSERT PERSON/ENTITY hereby proclaims June 14, 2023 as National Time Out Day in CITY/STATE.

Respectfully submitted,

[your name], RN, [credentials]

Your Role

Facility Name or

AORN [chapter location] Chapter [####]