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As recent public health crises have so poignantly demonstrated, our entire society depends upon the men and women of the health care industry. As our population continues to grow and age, the need for skilled nurses has likewise grown. The nursing profession has grown in scope and status for decades, and today, we have come to depend upon nurses for personalized care and sound medical guidance. In particular, perioperative nurses play a key role in complex medical procedures, and they provide all manner of assistance to doctors, surgeons, and anesthesiologists. From mild illnesses to life-threatening catastrophes, perioperative nurses enable people across the state and nation to receive the medical interventions that allow them to rise above their health challenges and pursue the best possible quality of life.

During surgery and other invasive procedures, perioperative nurses wield their patient-centered expertise to ensure the safety and holistic health of our loved ones. Across Texas—in settings ranging from traditional hospital-based operating rooms to ambulatory surgery centers and physicians' offices—perioperative nurses prepare patients for surgery, facilitate a smooth procedure, and provide care in the operation's immediate aftermath. Consummate professionals, these dedicated men and women are a source of support and reassurance to patients and families alike in difficult medical circumstances.

Each year during the month of November, a week is set aside in order to recognize the commendable work of our perioperative nurses and to educate Texans about the important role they play in the nuanced field of modern health care. At this time, I encourage all Texans to join me in thanking perioperative nurses for their commitment. These men and women use their knowledge, skills, and experience to improve the lives of others, and as such, they represent the best of the Lone Star State.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 13–19, 2022, to be

Perioperative Nurses Week



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature, this the 1st day of November, 2022.


Governor of Texas