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During the difficult health journeys posed by surgery or other invasive procedure, perioperative nurses use their professional, 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 provide specialized nursing care to patients before, during, and after surgery.

Perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to and throughout the surgical or invasive experience; they develop, implement, and continually evaluate a plan for the care of the patient, as well as prepare both the operating room and patient for the procedure. These dedicated, skilled men and women are a source of support and reassurance to the patients under their care as well as their patients' families during difficult medical situations.

Every year during the month of November, we dedicate a week to recognizing and educating Texans about the ways perioperative nurses improve surgical safety and the quality of patient care in Texas. At this time, I encourage all Texans to join me in thanking perioperative nurses for their commitment and applauding them as an invaluable, specialized segment of our devoted and skilled health care professionals across the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim  
November 14-20, 2021, to be

## Perioperative Nurse Week



in Texas and urge the appropriate  
recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas