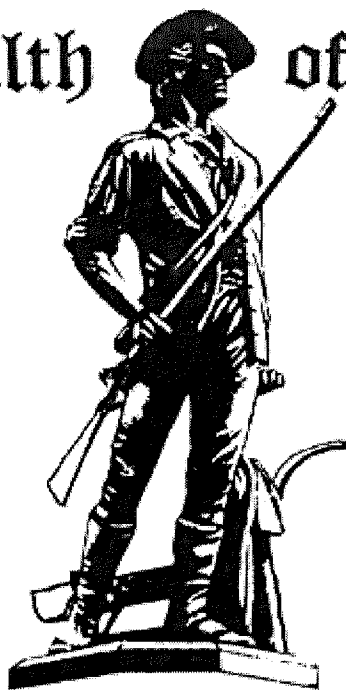


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

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 Perioperative 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, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 11th – 17th, 2011, to be

PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-first day of October, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.



By His Excellency

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick".

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts