

PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK

- WHEREAS: Georgia and the nation face a shortage of nurses in all fields of the profession, including perioperative nurses whose duties span the time immediately before surgery, during and after surgery; and
- WHEREAS: Prior to surgery, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs and construct a plan for the nursing care that the surgical patient will receive, and they also prepare the operating room and the patient for surgery; and
- WHEREAS: Surgical patients rely on the skills, knowledge and expertise of perioperative registered nurses, who have a tradition of working toward patient safety and improving the quality of patient care; and
- WHEREAS: Perioperative Nurse Week highlights the history, current opportunities and future challenges of perioperative nursing, in addition to providing a forum for these skilled professionals to share with the public their responsibilities and dedication to providing the best care possible for surgical patients; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is proud to recognize the professionals who serve our health care needs during Perioperative Nurse Week; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 9-15, 2003, as PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK in Georgia and encourage our citizens to recognize Georgia's perioperative nurses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand three.