



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, perioperative nurses specialize in the care of patients before, during, and after surgical and other invasive procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, serving in settings ranging from traditional hospital-based operating rooms to ambulatory surgery centers and physicians' offices, perioperative nurses work to provide the safest care possible for patients undergoing surgical and other invasive procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to and throughout the surgical or invasive experience, develop, implement, and continuously evaluate a plan for the care of the patient, and prepare the operating room and patient for their procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, perioperative nurses are responsible for monitoring all aspects of the patient's condition for the duration of each procedure and, through professional and patient-centered expertise, are responsible for care coordination after the procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, patients undergoing surgery and other invasive procedures and their loved ones 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 Nurses Week recognizes the contributions perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety in Missouri and around the nation and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2023, to be

**PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK**

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE