PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses specialize in the care of patients immediately 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, as well as 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.

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 Nurse Week recognizes the contributions perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2017 as

PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.

Kim Reynolds
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

Paul Fate
SECRETARY OF STATE