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During the difficult journey posed by surgery or another invasive procedure, perioperative nurses use their professional, patient-centered expertise to ensure the safety and holistic health of our loved ones. 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 and skilled men and women are a source of strength and reassurance to the patients under their care as well as their patients' families during difficult situations.

Across the world, many will celebrate 2020 as the "Year of the Nurse," and in November we devote a week to recognizing and educating Texans about the impact of perioperative nurses in improving surgical safety and the quality of patient care in Texas. As we continue to respond to the difficulties of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we thank them for their commitment and applaud 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 8-14, 2020, to be

Perioperative Nurse Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate
recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
1st day of October, 2020.

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

Governor of Texas