



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) represents the interests of more than 160,000 registered perioperative nurses nationwide; AORN's more than 40,000 registered nurse members serve in settings ranging from traditional hospital-based operating rooms to ambulatory surgical centers and physicians' offices, where perioperative nurses work to provide the safest care possible for surgical patients before, during and after surgical intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Hawai'i is the local chapter providing support to perioperative registered nurses in our State; AORN strives to be, "the indispensable resource for evidence-based practice and education that establishes the standards of excellence in the delivery of perioperative nursing care" and enable optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Hawai'i recognizes that a perioperative registered nurse is a fundamental member of the surgical team, working in collaboration with other healthcare professionals including the surgeon, anesthesia provider, surgical assistant and other assistive personnel; perioperative nurses use their skills, knowledge and expertise to assess individual patient needs prior to surgery, prepare a care plan for the surgical patient and prepare both the operating room and patient for surgery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Hawai'i joins AORN in celebrating the contributions of perioperative nurses to the healthcare community; AORN endeavors to engage the future of perioperative nursing by creating community awareness of the perioperative role in patient safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 5 - 11, 2012, as**

## **"PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to recognize the substantial and skilled contribution of perioperative registered nurses to patient welfare throughout the surgical process.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of October, 2012.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i