

THE PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, perioperative registered 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 centres and physicians' offices, perioperative registered nurses work to provide the safest care possible for patients undergoing surgical and other invasive procedures; and

WHEREAS, perioperative registered 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 registered 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 that perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Honorable John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services, for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador; do hereby proclaim November 6-10, 2017 as

PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK

in Newfoundland and Labrador; and I urge all people in our province to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 7th day of November 2017

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[Name], [Title]

Minister