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A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of November 8 through 14, 2009, as "Perioperative Nurse Week" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Surgery today is highly technical, sophisticated and exacting; and

WHEREAS, The perioperative registered nurse is highly skilled in providing nursing care and managing the perioperative environment that surgical patients need for their mind, body and spirit; and

WHEREAS, The surgical patients and their families are experiencing a major event in their lives, and the perioperative registered nurse is an expert in allaying the patient's fears, preparing the patient for what will happen during surgery, providing family support and discussing how the patient will feel during the entire surgical experience; and

WHEREAS, Perioperative registered nurses have a long tradition of working toward patient safety and improving the

quality of patient care; and

WHEREAS, Surgical patients rely on the skills, knowledge and expertise of perioperative registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, The Association for perioperative Registered Nurses is celebrating the week of November 8 through 14, 2009, as "Perioperative Nurse Week" to recognize the nation's perioperative registered nurses who care for patients before, during and after surgery; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of November 8 through 14, 2009, as "Perioperative Nurse Week" in Pennsylvania in appreciation of the specialized skills and dedicated work of those health care professionals to promote patient safety in Pennsylvania operating rooms.