

**WHEREAS,** perioperative nurses specialize in the care of patients immediately before, during, and after surgical intervention; and

**WHEREAS,** serving in settings ranging from traditional hospital-based operating rooms to ambulatory surgical centers and physicians' offices, perioperative nurses work to provide the best care possible for surgical patients; and

**WHEREAS,** perioperative nurses ensure that their surgical patients' needs are met by allaying their fears, preparing them for what will happen during surgery, providing family support, and explaining the entire surgical experience; and

**WHEREAS,** Perioperative Nurses Week draws attention to the important role these nurses play in the lives of surgical patients and their families while raising awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 8 - 14, 2009, as

## **PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable contributions of perioperative nurses to the quality surgical care of our residents.