



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1969, A GROUP OF NURSES ORGANIZED TO FORM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR NURSES TO "PROMOTE THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE" IN THEIR SPECIALTY; AND

WHEREAS: AS CRITICAL CARE EXTENDED INTO OTHER SPECIALTY AREAS, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED FOR CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING WAS APPLICABLE TO OTHER INTENSIVE CARE SPECIALTIES AS WELL; AND

WHEREAS: THE ORIGINAL ASSOCIATION MET THIS CHALLENGE BY EMBRACING THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF CRITICAL CARE, AND ON JANUARY 5, 1972, THE ORGANIZATION REINCORPORATED AS THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL-CARE NURSES; AND

WHEREAS: TODAY AACN IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST SPECIALTY NURSING ORGANIZATION WITH OVER 200 LOCAL CHAPTERS AND AN INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP THAT NUMBERS OVER 70,000 NURSES WORKING IN ALL AREAS OF CRITICAL CARE; AND

WHEREAS: THE AACN PHILOSOPHY STRESSES THE HOLISTIC APPROACH TO CARE OF THE CRITICALLY ILL, THAT PROMOTES A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTERRELATEDNESS OF ALL BODILY SYSTEMS AND THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF THE LIFE PROCESS; RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF EACH PATIENT'S WHOLENESS, INDIVIDUALITY AND RELATIONSHIP TO SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT; AND AN APPRECIATION OF THE COLLABORATIVE ROLE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH TEAM;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2 THROUGH 9, 1981 TO BE

### CRITICAL - CARE NURSING WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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