



## 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 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 45,000 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, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 7 through November 14, 1983, to be

CRITICAL-CARE NURSING WEEK

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in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge citizens to acknowledge this time appropriately.

*Joan Anderson Howe*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State