



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 (AACN); 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 first week of November to be

CRITICAL CARE NURSES WEEK

in Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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