

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 November 6-12, 1988 to be

CRITICAL CARE NURSES WEEK

in Minnesota.

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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 twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtleth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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