

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; according to the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPN), approximately 60,000 perianesthesia nurses are working across the United States, including many in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; perianesthesia nurses work in diverse medical care settings to provide competent, specialized care to patients who are undergoing or have experienced sedation, analgesia, or anesthesia for surgical, diagnostic, or therapeutic procedures; and

*WHEREAS*; perianesthesia nursing plays an essential role in the safety of patients and quality of healthcare across the state, and perianesthesia nurses continuously meet the varied and emerging needs of patients in a range of environments, including, but not limited to, obstetrical units, dental offices, hospitals, and ambulatory surgery centers; and

*WHEREAS*; as the American population ages, advancements in medicine raise life expectancies, and home healthcare services expand, the demand for perianesthesia nurses is expected to increase, and the services and care they provide will remain an important part of the American healthcare system; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in celebrating the perianesthesia workforce and recognizing perianesthesia nurses for their steadfast commitment to patient care, the continued advancement of nursing practices, and their contributions to the Wisconsin healthcare system;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 2 – 8, 2026, as

## PERIANESTHESIA NURSE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 16th day of January 2026.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State