

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are 3.1 million licensed registered nurses in the United States, and vascular nurses comprise an important part of this healthcare group; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing excellence in direct patient care, vascular nurses participate in vascular research and serve as a valuable resource for policymakers; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Vascular Nursing (SVN) is a professional community of vascular nurses who advance the care of those persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education, and research; and

WHEREAS, the core values of SVN are to advocate for both vascular nurses and for those persons who live with complex vascular disease; and

WHEREAS, Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) is a vascular disease in which the arteries supplying a limb are obstructed, and 60% of PAD patients have coexisting coronary artery disease or cerebrovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 8 million people in the United States with PAD, including 12%-20% of Americans over the age of 60; and

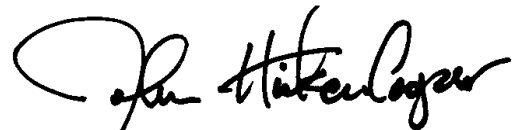
WHEREAS, persons with vascular disease require an interdisciplinary team approach, and the vascular nurse is an integral part of this team who is able to identify the resources required by the vascular patient population and to assist in providing optimal care and compassion;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between June 8, 2015 and June 12, 2015, as

VASCULAR NURSES WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this eighth day of June, 2015


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

