



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*  
**The Society of Vascular Nursing**

**WHEREAS**, the second week of June is Vascular Nurses Week; and

**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 policy makers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society of Vascular Nursing (SVN) is a professional community of vascular nurses, who advance the care for 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, typically to one or both legs, are obstructed; sixty percent of PAD patients have coexisting coronary artery disease (CAD) or cerebrovascular disease; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately eight million people in the United States with PAD, 12 – 20% of American people older than 60 have PAD; and

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

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 7 - 13, 2015 as**

**“VASCULAR NURSES WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the contribution of vascular nurses, who advance the care of persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education and research.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this third day of June 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i