



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 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, PAD (Peripheral Arterial Disease) is a vascular disease in which the arteries supplying a limb (typically one or both legs) are obstructed; and,

WHEREAS, there are approximately 8 million people in the United States with PAD and 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; and,

WHEREAS, the specialized vascular nurse is able to identify the resources required by the vascular patient population and to assist in providing optimal care and compassion; and,

WHEREAS, in celebration of the contribution of vascular nurses, who advance the care of persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education and research, the second week of June is Vascular Nurses Week;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 7-13, 2015 as **VASCULAR NURSES WEEK** in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this TWENTY-NINTH day of MAY, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

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one hundred and _____ .

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR