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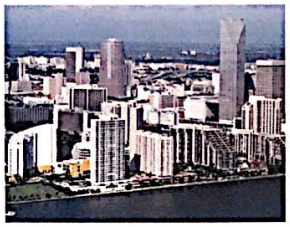
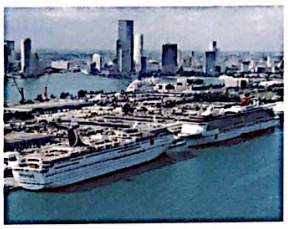
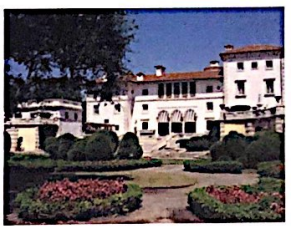

The Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

Whereas: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to America's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for more than 150 years and safely administering more than 49 million anesthetics to patients each care; and

Whereas: There are more than 50,000 CRNAs in the United States, and over 5,000 in Florida providing anesthesia to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

Whereas: CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services, as in some states, CRNAs are the sole providers in nearly 100 percent of rural hospitals; and

Whereas: CRNAs practice in every setting where anesthesia is delivered, from traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms, to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons, ambulatory surgical centers, U.S. Military and Public Health Services and Veterans Administrations medical facilities; and

Whereas: Nurse anesthetists have been the main providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel on the front lines since WWI, and these nurses first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War;

Now Therefore: **BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, CARLOS A. GIMENEZ, MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CHAIRWOMAN AUDREY M. EDMONSON AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THIS COMMUNITY**, do hereby proclaim, January 19th through 25th, 2020, as

National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week

In Observance Thereof: I call upon the good people of Miami-Dade County to join me in recognizing these outstanding healthcare professionals for their contributions towards adding to the quality of life in our County.

Audrey M. Edmonson
Chairwoman

Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor