

Proclamation

CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK JANUARY 21 TO JANUARY 27, 2024

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses, who have been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, nationally, CRNAs administer more than 50 million anesthetics each year; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 61,000 U.S. nurse anesthetists and student nurse anesthetists who are members of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA); and

WHEREAS, legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare Part B; and

WHEREAS, in some states, CRNAs are the sole anesthesia professionals in nearly 100% of rural hospitals, ensuring patient access to obstetrical, surgical, trauma stabilization, and pain management services; and

WHEREAS, nurse anesthesia predominates in Veterans Hospitals and in the U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered—from traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals, from ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, pain managements specialists and more; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgements regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, training and licensure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT BATES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim the week of January 21st to January 27th as:

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in the City of Altamonte Springs, and I urge all citizens to recognize the importance of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing high quality care for the public.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Altamonte Springs, Florida to be affixed this 2nd day of January, 2024.



PAT BATES, MAYOR