



The City of  
Fort Myers, Florida

# Proclamation

Whereas, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses. Providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years, CRNAs are the original anesthesia experts and among the nation's most trusted professions; and

Whereas, Legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare; and

Whereas, CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural communities and continue to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel; 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, 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; and

Whereas, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the frontlines, caring for patients safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all patients—from newborns to seniors—for every type of procedure in all types of facilities; and

Whereas, CRNAs' experience in critical care nursing in addition to anesthesia care, provides the training and education to address unique healthcare challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans.

Now, Therefore, I, Kevin B. Anderson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, do hereby proclaim, January 21-27, 2024, as

## **National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week**

in Fort Myers, Florida, and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of the 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 the Great Seal of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, on this 17th day of January in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Kevin B. Anderson  
Mayor

