

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 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 and underserved 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, 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 the unique health care challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida does hereby declare January 21 through January 27, 2024 as

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) Week

in Hillsborough County, and urges everyone to applaud the importance of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing high-quality care for the public.

Executed this 21st day of January, 2024



Ken Hagen
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