



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who have provided anesthesia care to patients in the United States for over 150 years. CRNAs are among the nation's most trusted professionals; and

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

WHEREAS CRNAs are the 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 management specialists, and more; and

WHEREAS CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments regarding every aspect 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 kinds of facilities; and

WHEREAS CRNAs' experience in critical care nursing and anesthesia care provides the training and education to address the unique healthcare challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans. Furthermore, January 21-27, 2024, is CRNA Week nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, H William Mutz, City of Lakeland Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Commission, do hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2024, as

NATIONAL CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Lakeland to be affixed this 16th day of January 2024.



**H. William Mutz
City of Lakeland Mayor**