

# Proclamation



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

**Whereas:** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses, that have provided anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years, as they 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, as these dedicated medical professionals 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 they 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 courageously served on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic, using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation and ventilator management to care for the sickest patients;

**Now Therefore:** BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA, MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THIS COMMUNITY, do hereby proclaim January 21 through 27, 2024, as

## *National C.R.N.A. Week*

**In Observance Thereof:** I call upon the good people of Miami-Dade County to join me in recognizing the importance of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing high-quality care for the public.



Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
Chairman

Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor