

National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week

WHEREAS, Since 2000, The National CRNA Week has been the annual celebration of the nearly 59,000 practicing nurse anesthetists who provide anesthesia to patients in the U.S and in the Armed Services, at home and abroad. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses, providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years, CRNA's are among the nation's most trusted profession; and

WHEREAS, legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists/anesthesiologists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare. CRNA's 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, CRNA's practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered from traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain management specialists and more; and

WHEREAS, CRNA's are qualified to make independent judgments regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, training and licensure. CRNA's 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 unique healthcare challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Mayor and Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida do hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2024, as National CRNA Week. Thank you for your commitment to excellence.

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