



Office of the
Orange County Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who have been administering anesthesia care to patients in the United States for over 150 years; 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 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 management specialists, and more; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, training, and licensure, which allows patients to undergo surgery safely and to relieve and avoid unnecessary pain; 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 are courageously serving on the frontlines of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation, and ventilator management to care for the sickest patients leaving their homes and families to travel to hospitals and facilities across the country so they can assist where the need is greatest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry L. Demings, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Orange County Mayor, do hereby proclaim, January 21 to January 27, 2024, as

NATIONAL CRNA WEEK

in Orange County, Florida, and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing high-quality care for the public.

DONE AND ORDERED this 21st day of January 2024.

JERRY L. DEMINGS, ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

