



# ~ Certificate of Special Recognition ~

**CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK  
JANUARY 23 TO JANUARY 29, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses. Providing care to patients in the U.S. for more than 150 years, CRNAs are the original anesthesia experts and among the nation's most trusted professionals; 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 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 surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain management 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 on the frontlines, caring for patients safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to patients – from newborns to seniors – for every type of procedure in all types of facilities; and

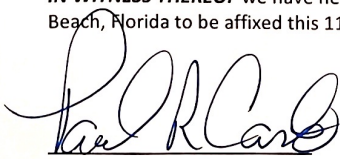
**WHEREAS**, Florida State University, Panama City College of Applied Studies, houses one of only nine nurse anesthesia programs in the State of Florida which is the only doctoral program at the Panama City campus. This program graduates 30 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists per year to serve an urgent need in this field.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, does hereby recognize the week of January 23rd to January 29th as:

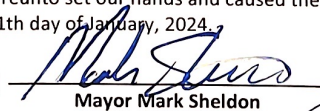
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In the city of Panama City Beach and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of CRNAs and their role in providing high quality care for the public.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF** we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida to be affixed this 11th day of January, 2024.



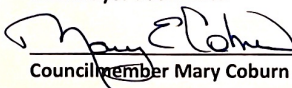
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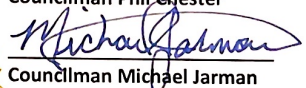
Mayor Mark Sheldon



Councilman Phil Chester



Councilmember Mary Coburn



Councilman Michael Jarman