



# PROCLAMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## NATIONAL CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS' WEEK

- WHEREAS,** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses, providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years, CRNAs 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; 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 all aspects 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 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that week of January 21-27, 2024, be recognized as

## NATIONAL CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS' WEEK

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of January 2024.

**KATHLEEN PETERS**, Chair

**BRIAN SCOTT**, Vice Chairman

**DAVE EGGERS**, Commissioner

**RENÉ FLOWERS**, Commissioner

**CHARLIE JUSTICE**, Commissioner

**CHRIS LATVALA**, Commissioner

**JANET C. LONG**, Commissioner

