

# Proclamation



- 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 professions.
- 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; 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, I, Kenneth Welch,** Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 21 – January 27, 2024, as

## ***Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week***

in St. Petersburg and I encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the significance of this observance in our community.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2024.

*Kenneth T. Welch*

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Mayor