

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of patients, including approximately 45,000 **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists** who are practice registered nurses that safely administer anesthesia for patient surgeries or other medical procedures; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Anesthetists in the United States have been providing anesthesia care to patients for over 150 years, including on battlefields during wars by administering anesthesia to wounded soldiers, and the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNAs) credentials first came into existence in 1956, and the United States Congress passed legislation in 1986, making it the first nursing specialty accorded direct reimbursement rights from Medicare; and

WHEREAS, CRNA's are among one of the nation's most trusted professions and safely care for patients from newborns to the elderly with compassion, and they practice their specialty in every setting in which anesthesia care is delivered including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms, critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, United States military and Veterans Affairs medical facilities, and in medical offices such as dental, podiatry, ophthalmology, pain management, and more; and

WHEREAS, CRNA's are the foremost providers in rural communities where often there are no physicians available and hospitals are many miles away, and they continue to be the primary anesthesia care providers globally for United States military personnel on the front lines, navy ships, and aircraft evacuation teams, and CRNA's are vital during pandemics and other critical situations, utilizing their advanced skills in airway management, intubation, and ventilator management; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1936, the Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (FANA) represents over 5,400 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists licensed in Florida and it advocates for its patients and members in legislative and governmental affairs, and nationally, more than 59,000 nurse anesthesiology professionals and student nurse anesthetists are members of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA) and the organizations serve as a resources for CRNAs, the nursing and medical professions, hospitals, health care facilities, and others interested in anesthesia care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2024, as

“NATIONAL CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS' WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in celebrating the vast accomplishments of dedicated Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in our city, state, and nation, and to show our appreciation at every opportunity for the contributions they make to our health.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 2nd day of January, 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor