

WAKULLA COUNTY PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 21-27, 2024 AS 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; and

Whereas, the period of January 21-27, 2024 has been designated as National CRNA Week;

Now, Therefore, We the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2024 as "National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week".

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED in regular session this 16th day of January 2024.



Quincee Messersmith, Chair