

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, and are among the nation's most trusted medical professionals; 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, and 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 the unique health care challenges of some of the sickest patients, including veterans; and

WHEREAS, the period of January 18 through January 24, 2026 has been designated as National CRNA Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida does hereby declare January 18 through January 24, 2026 as

National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week

in Hillsborough County, and applauds these innovative health care leaders for delivering exceptional care to patients during their most vulnerable moments.

Executed this 16th day of January, 2026



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