



City of New Smyrna Beach  
Proclamation Recognizing  
National Certified Registered  
Nurse Anesthetists Week

**Whereas**, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), as advanced practice registered nurses, have been delivering safe and effective anesthesia care to patients across the United States for more than 150 years, earning recognition as one of the nation's most trusted professions; and

**Whereas**, in 1986, Congress enacted legislation granting nurse anesthetists and anesthesiologists the distinction of being the first nursing specialty to receive direct reimbursement rights under Medicare; and

**Whereas**, CRNAs serve as the primary anesthesia providers in rural communities and continue to play a vital role in caring for U.S. military personnel; and

**Whereas**, CRNAs practice in every setting where anesthesia is administered—from hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain management specialists, and others; and

**Whereas**, CRNAs are uniquely qualified, through their education, training, and licensure, to exercise independent judgment in all aspects of anesthesia care; and

**Whereas**, CRNAs are trusted experts who provide compassionate, specialized, and cost-effective care for patients of all ages—from newborns to seniors—across every type of procedure and facility; and

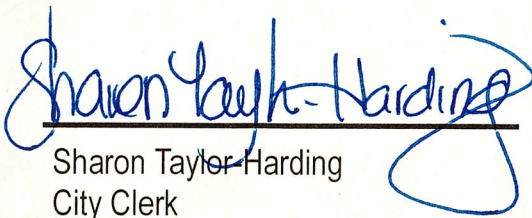
**Whereas**, the critical care nursing background of CRNAs equips them to meet the complex healthcare needs of some of our most vulnerable patients, including veterans; and


**Whereas**, the week of January 18–24, 2026, has been designated as National CRNA Week to honor and celebrate the invaluable contributions of these professionals;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Fred E. Cleveland, Mayor of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 18–24, 2026, as

**“National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week”**

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Smyrna Beach to be affixed this 18th day of January, 2026.

  
Sharon Taylor Harding  
City Clerk

  
Fred E. Cleveland  
Mayor