

Proclamation



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WHEREAS: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who have been providing safe, high-quality anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years, administering over 50 million anesthetics annually, as documented in the "CRNA Fast Facts" provided by the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are recognized as trusted anesthesia experts who practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, critical access hospitals, and the offices of physicians, dentists, and pain management specialists, providing essential services to patients from newborns to seniors; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs ensure access to anesthesia care in rural and medically underserved areas and, in some states, serve as the sole anesthesia professionals in nearly 100% of rural hospitals, helping to secure obstetrical, surgical, trauma, and pain-management services for vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS: nurse anesthesia care has consistently been shown to be safe, effective, and cost-efficient, with research indicating no significant differences in patient outcomes when anesthesia services are provided by CRNAs alone, anesthesiologists, or CRNAs supervised by physicians; and

WHEREAS: legislation passed by Congress in 1986 granted CRNAs direct reimbursement rights under Medicare Part B, marking a historical milestone for the profession and strengthening the delivery of anesthesia services across the nation; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs continue to serve as primary anesthesia providers for the U.S. Armed Forces and Veterans Hospitals, and their required critical-care nursing experience equips them to handle the unique healthcare needs of some of the nation's most vulnerable patient populations, including military service members and veterans; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are integral to the healthcare system of communities like Pompano Beach, demonstrating exceptional commitment, compassion, and professionalism in delivering safe, cost-effective anesthesia care; and

WHEREAS: the week of January 18–24, 2026, has been nationally designated as National CRNA Week to honor and celebrate the contributions of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach and on behalf of the City Commission and do hereby proclaim the week of January 18–24, 2026, as National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week and encourage all residents of the City of Pompano Beach to recognize and express appreciation for the invaluable contributions CRNAs make to the health and well-being of our community.

DONE, this 1ST day of December, 2025.



Rex Hardin, Mayor