

# Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

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 the original anesthesia experts and among the nation's most trusted professions; and

WHEREAS; Legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare; and

WHEREAS; CRNAs are 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 judgements regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, training and licensure; and

WHEREAS; CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the frontlines, 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 courageously are serving on the frontlines of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic—using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation and ventilator management to care for the sickest patients; and

WHEREAS; The period of January 18-24, 2026, has been designed as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth T. Welch, Mayor the City of St. Peterburg do hereby proclaim the week of January 18-24, 2026, as

## *Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) Week*

in the City of St. Petersburg and recognize the importance of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing high-quality care for the public.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas and State of Florida to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

*Kenneth T. Welch*

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54<sup>th</sup> Mayor