



City of Naples

TERESA LEE HEITMANN
MAYOR

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, CRNAs are among the nation's most trusted professions.
- 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 are courageously 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—leaving their homes and families to travel to hospitals and facilities across the country, so they can assist where the need is greatest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Heitmann, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Naples, Florida, proclaim the period of January 23-29, 2022, shall be designated as

NATIONAL CRNA WEEK

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

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of January 2022.

Teresa Heitmann, MAYOR