Proclamation

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who have continued to provide anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years. CRNAs are among the nation's most trusted professionals; 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 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; 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 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 have courageously served 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 22-28, 2023 has been designated as National CRNA Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nick Maddox, by the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Board of Leon County Commissioners, do hereby recognize the week of January 22-28, 2023 as

National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week

in Leon County, Florida.

Dated this 24th day of January 2023.



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Vincent S. Long U COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Nick Maddox, Chairman