

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 21-27, 2024, TO BE "CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Ackerman, Shanley, Noret, Newberry, Kennedy, and Ajello

Date Introduced: January 18, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, January 21-27, 2024, has been designed as "National CRNA Week"; and

2 WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice  
3 registered nurses, who have provided anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more  
4 than 150 years, and are among the nation's most trusted professions; and

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

7 WHEREAS, CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural communities and continue  
8 to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel; and

9 WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, from  
10 traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals; from  
11 ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain  
12 managements specialists and more; and

13 WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments regarding all aspects  
14 of anesthesia care based on their education, training, and licensure; and

15 WHEREAS, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the frontlines, caring for patients  
16 safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all patients from  
17 newborns to seniors, and for every type of procedure in all types of facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, CRNAs courageously served on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic,  
19 and used their advanced skills in airway management, intubation and ventilator management to

1 care for the sickest patients, as well as left their homes and families to travel to hospitals and  
2 facilities across the country, so they could assist where the need was greatest; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
4 proclaims January 21-27, 2024, to be "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week" in Rhode  
5 Island and furthermore recognizes the importance of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists  
6 and their role in providing high-quality care for the public; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Association of Nurse  
9 Anesthetists (RIANA).

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