

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who have been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years; 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 managements 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA does hereby proclaim the week of January 23-29, 2022 as

NATIONAL CRNA WEEK

and recognizes the outstanding work that CRNAs do in the healthcare community not only here in Brevard County but throughout the United States.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 3rd day of February A.D., 2022.

KRISTINE ZONKA, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK