

As we approach CRNA Week, encourage your state legislator to introduce a resolution recognizing CRNAs during the week of January 19-25, 2025. Here is a sample resolution you can personalize and send to your state Representative or Senator or local mayor with an invitation to introduce and file:

SPONSOR:

[Insert name of Representative(s) and/or Senator(s)]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES/SENATE

[Insert number] General Assembly

[House Resolution or Senate Resolution ##] *** select one

DESIGNATING JANUARY 21-27, 2024, AS CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK IN THE STATE OF [insert state].

WHEREAS: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), also known as nurse anesthesiologists or nurse anesthetists, 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/anesthesiologists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural and underserved 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, board certification, and licensure; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts, 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’ experience in critical care nursing in addition to anesthesia care, provides the training and education to address unique healthcare challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans; and

WHEREAS: the period of January 19-25, 2025, has been designed as National CRNA Week.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representative or Senate (**select one) of the ## General Assembly of the State of [insert state], the Senate or House (**select one if applicable) concurring therein, that the week of January 19-25, 2025, shall be known as National CRNA Week in [insert state] to recognize the importance of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing high-quality care for the public.

This concurrent resolution designates January 19-25, 2025, as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists’ (CRNA) Week in the State of [insert state].