

Office of the Mayor, St. Cloud, Florida

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; 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Blackwell, Mayor of St. Cloud do hereby proclaim

January 23-29, 2022, as

National CRNA Week

and call upon the citizens of our community to recognize the importance of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing high quality care for the public.



In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and cause this seal to be affixed.

Nathan Blackwell

Attest: *Linda P. Jaworski*

Date: *January 13, 2022*