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Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology Marks “CRNA Day” at The Capitol

~Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Express Support for HB 1067 and SB 1058~

Tallahassee, Fla. – More than 120 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and Resident Registered Nurse Anesthetists (RRNA) from across the state will be at the Florida Capitol on **Wednesday, March 22, 2023**, to meet with legislators from their districts. The CRNAs are advocating for changes to Florida’s unnecessarily restrictive anesthesia practice laws while expressing their support for two bills; [HB 1067](#) by Rep. Mike Giallombardo and [SB 1058](#) by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez titled “Autonomous Practice by an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.”

CRNAs will also be hosting a booth on the 2nd Floor of The Capitol that will showcase intubation techniques and ultrasound equipment used for pain blocks and promoting better outcomes for patients. Visitors will be able to get hands-on training using simulation manikins that are used to demonstrate the complexity of anesthesia training and the care CRNAs provide patients every day.

****Additionally, FANA has produced two digital spots highlighting the important role these highly skilled CRNAs play in Florida’s healthcare system. To watch the digital spots please click here.**

Florida is one of a handful of states that has yet to revise their CRNA practice laws to accurately reflect the role of CRNAs as full-service anesthesia providers – making it more challenging for the state to retain and recruit these highly trained, in-demand specialists. In fact, as result of these restrictions, one out of every three CRNAs who graduates in Florida leaves the state.

WHO: Michelle L. Canale, DNP, CRNA, APRN, FAANA, president of the Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology, along with 120 members of FANA

WHAT: CRNA Day at the Tallahassee Capitol

WHEN: Wednesday, March 22, 2023
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 pm

WHERE: The Florida Capitol 2nd Floor
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

The Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology, Florida's 87-year-old professional association, represents the state's more than 5,400 nurse anesthesiology professionals, and makes an annual trip to Tallahassee to advocate on behalf of their profession.

CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered -- from traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals, and from ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists and ophthalmologists.

They also play an integral role in the military with full practice authority in every branch working on the front lines, on ships and aircraft as well as on bases around the world.

For more information about the important care CRNAs provide visit the [CRNAs4SafeAnesthesia.com](https://www.crnas4safeanesthesia.com) site and for more information about the Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology please [click here](#).

About the Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology

Founded in 1936, The Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (FANA) represents more than 5,400 nurse anesthesiology professionals. FANA advocates for its patients and members in legislative and governmental affairs and serves as a resource for CRNAs, the nursing and medical professions, hospitals, health care facilities, and others interested in anesthesia care. For more information visit www.fana.org.