



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS,** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists; and

**WHEREAS,** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are Advanced Practice Registered Nurses essential to Tennessee's health care system, having provided high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for over one hundred and fifty years; and

**WHEREAS,** CRNAs have completed a graduate-level educational program in a nationally accredited program of nurse anesthesia and after graduation are qualified to take the national certifying examination; and

**WHEREAS,** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are anesthesia specialists who administer more than forty-three million anesthetics in the United States each year; and

**WHEREAS,** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are the sole anesthesia providers in many of Tennessee's ninety-five counties, providing patients with obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization services; and

**WHEREAS,** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists and plastic surgeons; and United States military, public health services and Veterans Administration health care facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Tennessee is home to several accredited anesthesia programs that are educating and training nurse anesthesia students to become high-quality anesthesia providers in the state and across the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 19-25, 2020 as

*Certified Registered Nurse  
Anesthetists Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this tenth day of January, 2020.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Julie W. Hargett*

Secretary of State