



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 six accredited anesthesia programs that are educating and training nurse anesthesia students to become high-quality anesthesia providers in the state and across the country; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, CRNAs have continued to provide top-of-the-line anesthesia care; and

WHEREAS, CRNA expertise in airway management, hemodynamic monitoring, management of patients on ventilators, placement of invasive lines, and overall management of critically ill patients uniquely positions them to provide life-saving care to those suffering from the novel coronavirus;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 24 – January 30, 2021 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 eighth day of January, 2021.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State

