



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Nurse Anesthetists 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 (CRNAs) are essential to America's healthcare system, providing high-quality anesthesia care for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are anesthesia specialists who administered 32 million anesthetics to patients in the United States last year; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in thirty-nine of Tennessee's counties, and in more than 65 percent of rural hospitals, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization capabilities; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospitals, obstetrical rooms, dentist offices, podiatrists, plastic surgeons, ambulatory centers, U.S. Military, Public Health services and the VA;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of January 20-26, 2013 as

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 fifteenth day of January, 2013.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Ruggitt".

Secretary of State