



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are anesthesia specialists who administer more than thirty-four 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 25 through 31, 2015 as

*Certified Registered
Nurse Anesthetist 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 sixth day of January, 2015.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

