

WHEREAS,

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who have been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years, and are among the nation's most trusted professions; and

WHEREAS,

Legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare; and

WHEREAS,

CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural and underserved communities and continue to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel; and

WHEREAS,

CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered; and

WHEREAS.

CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, training, board certification and licensure; and

WHEREAS,

CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts, caring for patients safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all patients from newborns to seniors for every type of procedure in all types of facilities; and

WHEREAS,

CRNAs experience in critical care nursing in addition to anesthesia care provides the training and education to address the unique healthcare challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of January 19-25, 2025, as NATIONAL CRNA WEEK

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Seventh Day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor