WHEREAS, The week of January 23-29, 2022, has been designed as “National CRNA Week”; and

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses. Providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years, CRNAs 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 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, from traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals; from ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain managements specialists and more; and

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

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

WHEREAS, CRNAs are courageously serving on the frontlines of the ongoing...
coronavirus pandemic, using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation and
ventilator management to care for the sickest patients, and leaving their homes and families to
travel to hospitals and facilities across the country, so they can assist where the need is greatest;
now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims the week of
January 23-29, 2022, to be Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week” in Rhode Island and
furthermore recognizes the importance of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their
role in providing high-quality care for the public; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Association of Nurse
Anesthetists (RIANA).