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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23-29, 2022, TO BE "CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Sosnowski, Coyne, F Lombardi, E Morgan, Cano, de la Cruz, Lombardo, Lawson, and Murray

Date Introduced: January 25, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The week of January 23-29, 2022, has been designed as "National CRNA
2 Week"; and

3 WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice
4 registered nurses. Providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150
5 years, CRNAs are among the nation's most trusted professions; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, from
11 traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals; from
12 ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain
13 managements specialists and more; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, CRNAs are courageously serving on the frontlines of the ongoing

1 coronavirus pandemic, using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation and
2 ventilator management to care for the sickest patients, and leaving their homes and families to
3 travel to hospitals and facilities across the country, so they can assist where the need is greatest;
4 now, therefore be it

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

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

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