WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists are guardians of patient safety in health care in the operating room, in the delivery room, in the intensive care unit, in pain management clinics, at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The twelve to fourteen years of education and 12,000 to 16,000 hours of training physician anesthesiologists receive prepare them to navigate life-and-death moments and help ensure patients receive the highest quality care; and

WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists were made for this moment, playing a critical role in keeping patients safe in this state and community, whether caring for COVID-19 patients, managing a crisis during surgery or labor and delivery, or providing pain management; and

WHEREAS, The Anesthesia Care Team model, led by physician anesthesiologists, is widely recognized as the gold standard of care used in all of the nation’s top hospitals and in the Veterans Administration to protect patients and the nine million Veterans who have served our country; and

WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists are recognized leaders who are committed to high quality and safe patient care, educating patients on anesthesia safety and reducing risks of complications before, during, and after surgery; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby celebrates the 8th annual “Physician Anesthesiologists Week” on January 30th through February 5th, 2022, and
urges all citizens to join in recognizing physician anesthesiologists, who serve as critical care specialists and work to greatly improve the safety of anesthesia and the well-being of surgical patients, Veterans, and chronic pain patients each day; 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 American Society of Anesthesiologists.