

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 professionals; and

WHEREAS, legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists/ anesthesiologist the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are the 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; and ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain management specialists and 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 19-25, 2025:

National CRNA Week

in the City of Fort Pierce and are proud to recognize and honor the countless contributions made on behalf of health and well-being.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 21st day of January 2025.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER