

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Relating to Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week.

Whereas, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses. CRNAs are among the nation's most trusted professionals and have provided anesthesia care to patients in the U.S. for more than 150 years; 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 management 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 front lines, 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 front lines

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 the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby designate the last full week of each January as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week in Missouri; and

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.