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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who are among the most trusted health care professionals, having provided high-quality anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years; and

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WHEREAS, There are more than 1,900 CRNAs in Illinois that safely administer approximately 1.9 million anesthetics to patients each year; and

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WHEREAS, CRNAs are the predominant providers of anesthesia in 79% of Illinois counties, primarily in rural communities, and are the only providers of anesthesia in 29% of Illinois counties, enabling health care facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, trauma stabilization, and pain management services; and

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WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons, and the medical facilities of the U.S. military, the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

1 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, CRNAs were
2 instrumental in helping emergency rooms and ICU centers treat
3 patients, utilizing their expertise in airway management,
4 intubation, and ventilator management to care for patients;
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6 WHEREAS, Research conducted by the Research Triangle
7 Institute shows that is no difference in safety or patient
8 outcomes between CRNAs and physician anesthesiologists; and

9 WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments
10 regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their
11 education, training, and record of safety; and

12 WHEREAS, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the front
13 line, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all
14 patients, from newborns to seniors, for every type of
15 procedure and in all types of facilities; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the week of
18 January 22 through January 28, 2023 as CRNA Week in the State
19 of Illinois; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of Certified

1 Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and Student Registered
2 Nurse Anesthetists (SRNAs) and their roles in providing
3 high-quality care for the people of Illinois; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude and appreciation
6 for the CRNA profession and encourage patients, hospital
7 administrators, health care professionals, policymakers, and
8 others to participate in National CRNA Week to become more
9 familiar with the CRNA credential and the exceptional advanced
10 practice registered nurses who have earned it; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
14 as a symbol of our respect and esteem.