



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to Minnesota's health care system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for nearly 150 years; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs are anesthesia specialists who safely administer more than 34 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs were the first specialists to provide anesthesia care in the United States, following in the footsteps of nurse Alice Magaw, the "Mother of Anesthesia," who developed groundbreaking anesthesia techniques in her practice at the Mayo Clinic at the turn of the last century; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural Minnesota, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization capabilities; and
- 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 U.S. military, Public Health Services, and Veterans Administration; and
- WHEREAS: Since nurses first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War, nurse anesthetists have been the main provider of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel on the front lines since World War I, including the most recent conflicts in the Middle East; and
- WHEREAS: Three nurse anesthesia programs in Minnesota educate nurse anesthetists at the master degree level, and a fourth does so at the doctoral level; and
- WHEREAS: Nearly 1,500 CRNAs are authorized to provide anesthesia services to patients in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 19-25, 2014, as:

NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17th day of January.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE