



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to Minnesota's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for nearly 150 years; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs are anesthesia specialists and hands-on providers of approximately thirty-two 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, tracing their roots to nurse Alice Magaw, the "mother of anesthesia," who practiced at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic at the turn of the last century; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in more than two-thirds of all rural hospitals, offering these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization capabilities; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered – traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; and U.S. Military, Public Health Services, and Veterans Affairs medical facilities; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War, and have been the main provider of anesthesia care to U.S. service military personnel on the front lines since World War I; and
- WHEREAS: Four nurse anesthesia programs in Minnesota educate nurse anesthetists at the master's degree level; and
- WHEREAS: More than 1,500 CRNAs are authorized to provide anesthesia services to patients in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 22-28, 2012 to be:

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 6th day of January.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE