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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 12TH ANNUAL "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" ON
JANUARY 25TH THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, J.
Lombardi, Hull, Carson, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, and Messier
Date Introduced: January 27, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists are guardians of patient safety in health care, in
2 the operating room, in the delivery room, in the intensive care unit, in pain management clinics,
3 and at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and
4 WHEREAS, The twelve to fourteen years of education and 12,000 to 16,000 hours of
5 training that physician anesthesiologists receive, prepares them to navigate life-and-death
6 moments and helps ensure patients receive the highest quality care; and
7 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists were made for the difficult task of playing a
8 critical role in keeping patients safe in this State and our communities by managing a crisis during
9 surgery or labor and delivery, or providing pain management; and
10 WHEREAS, The Anesthesia Care Team model, led by physician anesthesiologists, is
11 widely recognized as the gold standard of care and is used in all of the nation's top hospitals and
12 in the Veterans Administration to protect patients and the nine million Veterans who have served
13 our country; and
14 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists are recognized leaders who are committed to
15 high quality and safe patient care, educating patients on anesthesia safety and reducing risks of
16 complications before, during, and after surgery; now, therefore be it
17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 celebrates the 12th annual "Physician Anesthesiologists Week" on January 25 through January
19 31, 2026, and urges all citizens to join in recognizing physician anesthesiologists, who serve as

1 critical care specialists and work to greatly improve the safety of anesthesia and the well-being of
2 surgical patients, Veterans, and chronic pain patients each and every day; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The American Society of Anesthesiologists.

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