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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22ND THROUGH JANUARY 28TH, 2017, AS
"CRNA WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Miller, and Algieri

Date Introduced: January 26, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to Rhode
2 Island's and America's health care systems, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care
3 for more than 150 years; and

4 WHEREAS, CRNAs are anesthesia specialists who safely administer approximately 43
5 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, CRNAs were the first specialists to provide anesthesia care in the United
7 States, tracing their roots to nurse Alice Magaw, the "mother of anesthesia" who practiced at the
8 Mayo Clinic at the turn of the 19th century; and

9 WHEREAS, CRNAs offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization as they practice
10 in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical
11 delivery rooms, dentists' offices, ophthalmologists' and plastic surgery offices, ambulatory
12 surgery centers, the U.S. Military and public Health Services and Veteran Administration medical
13 facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Nurses first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War,
15 and more anesthetists have been the main provider of anesthesia care to United States Military
16 personnel on the front lines since WWI; and

17 WHEREAS, Two Rhode Island hospital based programs, Memorial Hospital of Rhode
18 Island School of Nurse Anesthesia and St. Joseph's Hospital School of Anesthesia for Nurses
19 educate nurse anesthetists at the Master's degree level and have helped educate the majority of the

1 more than 150 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who live and provide anesthesia to
2 patients in the State of Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby proclaims the week of January 22nd through January 28th, 2017 as "CRNA Week" in the
5 State of Rhode Island. We furthermore recognize and thank all the nurse anesthetists for their
6 dedication and contributions to building a brighter future for all the citizens of the Ocean State;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Association of Nurse
10 Anesthetists, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island School of Nurse Anesthesia, and St. Joseph's
11 Hospital School of Anesthesia for Nurses.

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