

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 11TH ANNUAL "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK"  
FROM JANUARY 26TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025, IN THE STATE OF RHODE  
ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Gu, Valverde, Felag, LaMountain, Dimitri, Tikoian, Bell,  
Lauria, McKenney, and Mack

Date Introduced: January 27, 2025

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

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 have proved themselves capable of performing  
8 the difficult task of playing a critical role in keeping patients safe in this State and our  
9 communities by managing a crisis during surgery or labor and delivery, or providing pain  
10 management; and

11           WHEREAS, The Anesthesia Care Team model, led by physician anesthesiologists, is  
12 widely recognized as the gold standard of care and is used in all of the nation's top hospitals and  
13 in the Veterans Administration to protect patients and the nine million Veterans who have served  
14 our country; and

15           WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists are recognized leaders who are committed to  
16 high quality and safe patient care, educating patients on anesthesia safety and reducing risks of  
17 complications before, during, and after surgery; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby celebrates the 11th  
19 annual "Physician Anesthesiologists Week" from January 26<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and

1 urges all citizens to join in recognizing physician anesthesiologists, who serve as critical care  
2 specialists and work to greatly improve the safety of anesthesia and the well-being of surgical  
3 patients, Veterans, and chronic pain patients each and every day; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The American Society of Anesthesiologists.

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