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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 18TH-24TH, 2026, TO BE "CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
ANESTHETISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Mack, Appollonio, Raptakis, Zurier, DiPalma, Felag,
Urso, Murray, and DiMario
Date Introduced: January 22, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, January 18th - 24th of 2026, has been designed as "National CRNA Week" in
2 order to celebrate and recognize the work of CRNAs across the United States; and
3 WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice
4 registered nurses, who have provided anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more
5 than 150 years, and are among the nation's most trusted professions; and
6 WHEREAS, Legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists the first
7 nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare; and
8 WHEREAS, CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural communities and continue
9 to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel; and
10 WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, from
11 traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals; from
12 ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain
13 managements specialists and more; and
14 WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments regarding all aspects
15 of anesthesia care based on their education, training, and licensure; and
16 WHEREAS, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the frontlines, caring for patients
17 safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all patients from
18 newborns to seniors, and for every type of procedure in all types of facilities; and
19 WHEREAS, CRNAs courageously served on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic,

1 and used their advanced skills in airway management, intubation and ventilator management to
2 care for the sickest patients, as well as left their homes and families to travel to hospitals and
3 facilities across the country, in order that they could assist where the need was greatest; now,
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims January 18-
6 24, 2026, to be "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week" in Rhode Island and furthermore
7 recognizes the importance of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and nurse anesthesia
8 residents and their role in providing high-quality care for the public; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Association of Nurse
11 Anesthetists (RIANA).

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