



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA'S CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS' DAY

**WHEREAS:** As early as 1916, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) were 4 providing anesthesia at Grady Hospital in Atlanta. In 1938, 17 CRNAs established the Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists, 6 which has grown to represent more than 1,500 members and is among the oldest and largest 7 CRNA state organizations in the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** CRNAs in Georgia provide vigilant, high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia services and practice in hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, endoscopy suites, the offices of doctors and dentists, and the VA Healthcare System; and

**WHEREAS:** CRNAs provide many levels of anesthesia and perioperative care, including sedation, IV sedation, general anesthesia, and pain management; and

**WHEREAS:** CRNAs safely administer more than 50 million anesthetics each year in the United States, and as advanced practice registered nurses, CRNAs are among the nation's most trusted professions; and

**WHEREAS:** CRNAs represent more than 80 percent of the anesthesia providers in rural counties, and many rural hospitals often rely on independently practicing CRNAs for anesthesia care. Half of all rural hospitals in the United States use a CRNA-only model for obstetric care, and CRNAs safely deliver pain management care, particularly where there are no physician providers available, saving patients long drives of 75 miles or more; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2025, as CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS' DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B.P.K.*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Laura M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF