



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS DAY

**WHEREAS:** As early as 1916, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) were providing anesthesia at Grady Hospital in Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1938, 17 CRNAs established the Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists, which has grown to represent more than 1,600 members and is among the oldest and largest CRNA state organizations in the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** CRNAs in Georgia practice in every setting where anesthesia services are needed, such as hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, endoscopy suites, the offices of doctors and dentists, and the VA Healthcare System; and

**WHEREAS:** CRNAs in Georgia are committed to caring for Georgia citizens by providing vigilant, high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia services; and

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

**WHEREAS:** CRNAs are anesthesia professionals who safely administer more than 50 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States, and as advanced practice registered nurses, CRNAs are among the nations 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; and

**WHEREAS:** 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; and

**WHEREAS:** It is abundantly fitting and proper that these outstanding medical professionals be appropriately honored; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 17, 2026, as GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B.P.K.*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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