

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the week of January 23 to 29, 2022, as Certified
2 Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week.

3 WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced
4 practice registered nurses, are among the most trusted health care professionals, and have
5 been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, legislation passed by the United States Congress in 1986 made nurse
8 anesthetists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by
9 Medicare; and

10 WHEREAS, CRNAs are the primary anesthesia providers in rural communities and
11 continue to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to United States military
12 personnel; and

13 WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered,
14 including traditional hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, critical access
15 hospitals ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists,
16 ophthalmologists, and pain management specialists; and

17 WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments regarding all
18 aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, training, and licensure; and

19 WHEREAS, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the frontline, delivering
20 specialized, cost-effective care to all patients, from newborns to seniors, for every type of
21 procedure, and in all types of facilities; and

22 WHEREAS, CRNAs are courageously serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19
23 pandemic using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation, and ventilator
24 management to care for the sickest patients; and

25 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, CRNAs have been leaving their
26 homes and families and putting their health at risk to travel to hospitals and facilities
27 across the United States to deliver safe and compassionate care to patients where the need

1 is greatest;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
4 *Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize the week of January 23
6 to 29, 2022, as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week to highlight the importance
7 of their role in providing high-quality care for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

8 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
9 Resolution to Senator Karen Berg.