

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to Minnesota's

healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for nearly 150

years; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are anesthesia specialists and hands-on providers of approximately thirty-two

million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs were the first specialists to provide anesthesia care in the United States, tracing

their roots to nurse Alice Magaw, the "mother of anesthesia," who practiced at

Minnesota's Mayo Clinic at the turn of the last century; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in more than two-thirds of all rural hospitals,

offering these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization

capabilities; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered – traditional hospital

surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; and U.S. Military, Public

Health Services, and Veterans Affairs medical facilities; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War, and have

been the main provider of anesthesia care to U.S. service military personnel on the front

lines since World War I; and

WHEREAS: Four nurse anesthesia programs in Minnesota educate nurse anesthetists at the master's

degree level; and

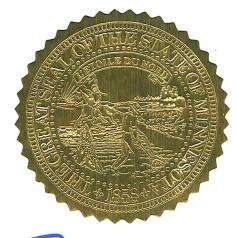
WHEREAS: More than 1,500 CRNAs are authorized to provide anesthesia services to patients in

Minnesota

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 22-28, 2012 to be:

## NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January.

**GOVERNOR** 

SECRETARY OF STATE