



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists; and

**WHEREAS**, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are Advanced Practice Registered Nurses essential to Tennessee's health care system, having provided high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for one hundred and fifty years; and

**WHEREAS**, CRNAs have completed a graduate-level educational program in a nationally accredited program of nurse anesthesia and after graduation are qualified to take the national certifying examination; and

**WHEREAS**, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are anesthesia specialists who administer more than forty-three million anesthetics in the United States each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are the sole anesthesia providers in many of Tennessee's ninety-five counties, providing patients with obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization services; and

**WHEREAS**, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists and plastic surgeons; and United States military, public health services and veterans administration health care facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is home to six accredited anesthesia programs that are educating and training nurse anesthesia students to become high-quality anesthesia providers in the state and across the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2018 as

*Certified Registered Nurse  
Anesthetists Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this third day of January, 2018.

Governor

Secretary of State

