



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) are essential to America's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for more than 150 years, and who safely administer approximately 43 million anesthetics to patients each year; and*

*WHEREAS, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization services. In some states, CRNAs are the sole providers in nearly 100% of the rural hospitals; and*

*WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; ambulatory surgical centers; U.S. Military and Public Health Services and Veterans Administration medical facilities; and*

*WHEREAS, Nurse Anesthetists have been the main provider of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel on the front lines since WWI, including current conflicts in the Middle East. A nurse first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim January 21 – 27, 2018, as*

# *National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week*

*in the State of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City  
of Montgomery on the 6th day of December 2017.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor