

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAIMING THE JANUARY 18 - 24, 2026, AS
NATIONAL CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), also known as nurse anesthesiologists or nurse anesthetists, are advanced practice registered nurses. Providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years, CRNAs are among the nation's most trusted professions; and

WHEREAS, Legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists/anesthesiologists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural and underserved communities and continue to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered—from traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals; from ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain managements specialists and more; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgements regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, training, board certification, and licensure; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts, caring for patients safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all patients—from newborns to seniors—for every type of procedure in all types of facilities; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs' experience in critical care nursing in addition to anesthesia care, provides the training and education to address unique healthcare challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, that we do hereby proclaim the January 18 - 24, 2026, as:

***NATIONAL CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK IN
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA***

ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2026



**Andria Herr, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners**