

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to America's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for more than 125 years; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are anesthesia specialists who are the hands-on providers of approximately 27 million anesthetics given to patients each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in more than two-thirds of all rural hospitals, affording 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; U.S. Military, Public Health Services, and Veterans Affairs medical facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 24-31, 2010, as

Nurse Anesthetists Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing these outstanding healthcare professionals for their contributions to the quality of life in our state.

Signed this 18th day of December, 2009

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

