



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) 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 the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare; 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. They are the primary anesthesia providers in rural communities and continue to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel; and

**WHEREAS:** Currently, more than 5,400 CRNAs serve in Florida. Over 300 CRNAs volunteered to support counties that lacked anesthesia providers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. These volunteers logged over 3000 hours providing anesthesia, and another 1 million hours administering vaccines to Floridians; and

**WHEREAS:** Duval county hosts 240 full-time CRNAs and is home to the University of North Florida Nurse Anesthesiology Program. Jacksonville’s hospitals serve as a resource hub for many surrounding counties.

**WHEREAS:** CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the frontlines, 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 they courageously serve on the frontline of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

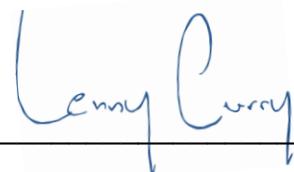
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 23-28, 2023 as

## **NATIONAL CRNA WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of CRNAs and honor their tireless efforts to provide high-quality care to our communities.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 5th Day of Jan. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA