

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing January 31 to February 2, 2021, as Physician
2 Anesthesiologists Week in Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, annually in the United States, more than 100 million operations and
4 procedures are performed with anesthesia, and physician anesthesiologists play a critical
5 role in a patient's well-being before, during, and after surgical procedures; and

6 WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists have the highest levels of training and
7 must complete between 12,000 and 16,000 hours of training prior to practicing
8 independently; and

9 WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists have been leaders in patient safety and
10 cited as the only medical specialty to have significantly improved patient safety; and

11 WHEREAS, a physician anesthesiologist's duties include evaluating a patient's
12 current health prior to receive anesthesia to ensure the best outcome, administering
13 anesthesia, monitoring the patient during surgery, and assessing the patient after the
14 procedure is completed; and

15 WHEREAS, this spectrum of patient care constitutes the perioperative surgical
16 home, which the American Society of Anesthesiologists has identified as an innovative
17 model in patient care where the physician anesthesiologist directs the anesthesia care
18 team to provide support to the patient throughout all aspects of surgical care and
19 procedures; and

20 WHEREAS, there is up to a 20 percent reduction in adverse events when physician
21 anesthesiologists lead the anesthesia care team; and

22 WHEREAS, the American Medical Association completed a public opinion survey
23 that concluded 70 percent of patients want a physician to administer and monitor
24 anesthesia levels; and

25 WHEREAS, anesthesia is safer than ever before, yet there remains potential for
26 complications and side effects during procedures, and physician anesthesiologists have
27 the training and expertise to help minimize these risks; and

1 WHEREAS, during surgeries or procedures, when seconds count, physician
2 anesthesiologists have the highest degree of training to respond to emergencies and
3 ensure the best patient outcomes; and

4 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Society of Anesthesiologists strives to encourage
5 specialization in the field of anesthesiology, to raise the standards of specialty by
6 fostering research and scientific progress, to protect the public against irresponsible
7 practitioners, to promote editing and publishing in the field, and to safeguard the
8 professional interests of its members throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

10 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
11 ***Kentucky:***

12 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes January 31 to February 2, 2021, as
13 Physician Anesthesiologist Week in Kentucky.

14 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey.