

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 14, 2023, as Certified Registered Nurse
2 Anesthetists Day in Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced
4 practice registered nurses, are among the most trusted health care professionals, and have
5 been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, legislation passed by the United States Congress in 1986 made nurse
8 anesthetists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by
9 Medicare; and

10 WHEREAS, CRNAs are the primary anesthesia providers in rural communities,
11 continue to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to United States military
12 personnel, and comprise two-thirds of the anesthesia providers in the Commonwealth;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, CRNAs provide anesthesia services in every Kentucky county that has
15 a hospital or surgery center with surgical services and are the sole providers of anesthesia
16 services in nearly half of those counties, including at 17 critical access hospitals; and

17 WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered,
18 including traditional hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, critical access
19 hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists,
20 ophthalmologists, and pain management specialists; and

21 WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments regarding all
22 aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, training, and licensure; and

23 WHEREAS, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the frontline, delivering
24 specialized, cost-effective care to all patients, from newborns to seniors, for every type of
25 procedure, and in all types of facilities; and

26 WHEREAS, CRNAs are courageously serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19
27 pandemic using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation, and ventilator

1 management to care for the sickest patients; and

2 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, CRNAs have been leaving their
3 homes and families and putting their health at risk to travel to hospitals and facilities
4 across the United States to deliver safe and compassionate care to patients where the need
5 is greatest;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize February 14, 2023, as
10 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Day to highlight the importance of their role in
11 providing high-quality care for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
13 Resolution to Senator Stephen Meredith.