



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to Minnesota's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for 150 years; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs are anesthesia specialists who safely administer more than 34 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs were the first specialists to provide anesthesia care in the United States, tracing their roots to nurse Alice Magaw, the "mother of anesthesia," who practiced at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic at the turn of the last century; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural Minnesota, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically-underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services; and
- WHEREAS: CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; ambulatory surgical centers; offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; and the U.S. Military, Public Health Services, and Veterans Affairs' medical facilities; and
- WHEREAS: Nurses first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War, and have been the main provider of anesthesia care to military personnel on the front lines since World War I, including the current conflicts in the Middle East; and
- WHEREAS: Three nurse anesthesia programs in Minnesota educate nurse anesthetists at the master's degree level, and a fourth at the doctorate level; and
- WHEREAS: Nearly 1,500 CRNAs are authorized to provide anesthesia services to patients in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 25 – 31, 2015, as:

## CRNA WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE