

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to America's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services and, in some states, serving as the sole providers in nearly 100 percent of the rural hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Anesthetists have been the main provider of anesthesia care to United States military personnel on the front lines since World War I, including current conflicts in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the more than 1,000 CRNAs in South Carolina practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons, and military, public health service, and veterans' medical facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 15 - 21, 2015, as

SOUTH CAROLINA NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize these outstanding healthcare professionals for their important contributions to the quality of life in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA