WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists provide high quality anesthesia care in a variety of settings from traditional hospital surgical suites, labor and delivery rooms, and the offices of plastic surgeons, ophthalmologists, dentists, and podiatrists to ambulatory surgical centers and military and veterans’ medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, historically, certified registered nurse anesthetists have been providing high quality anesthesia care for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists may sometimes be the sole anesthesia provider in rural hospitals and office practices; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists in South Carolina are dedicated to ensuring safe, cost effective anesthesia care while administering to the patient’s physical and emotional needs and offering reassurance and comfort.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 19–25, 2003, as CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST WEEK throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor certified registered nurse anesthetists for their important contributions to the delivery of quality health care services for our residents.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
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