STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to Minnesota's health care system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for nearly 150 years; and
WHEREAS:	CRNAs are anesthesia specialists who safely administer more than 33 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, and trace their roots to nurse Alice Magaw, the "Mother of Anesthesia," who practiced at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic at the turn of the Twentieth Century; and
WHEREAS:	CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in more than two-thirds of all rural hospitals, offering these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization capabilities; and
WHEREAS:	CRNAs 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 the U.S. Military, Public Health Services, and Veterans Affairs medical facilities; and
WHEREAS:	CRNAs first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War, and have been the main provider of anesthesia care to U.S. military service personnel on the front lines since World War I, including the most recent conflicts in the Middle East; and
WHEREAS:	Three nurse anesthesia programs in Minnesota educate nurse anesthetists at the master degree level, and a fourth does so at the doctoral level; and
WHEREAS:	Nearly 1,400 CRNAs are authorized to provide anesthesia services to patients in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 20-26, 2013, as:

NURSE ANESTHETISTS 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 26th day of December.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE