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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO DESIGNATE JANUARY 24-30, 2021, AS "NATIONAL CRNA
9 WEEK" IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 "NATIONAL CRNA WEEK" IN THE STATE OF
15 ARKANSAS.

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20 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists, also known as
21 "CRNAs", are advanced practice registered nurses; and

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23 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are among the nation's
24 most trusted professions as they have been providing anesthesia care to
25 patients in the United States for more than one hundred fifty (150) years;
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28 WHEREAS, in 1986, the United States Congress enacted legislation that
29 made nurse anesthetists the first nursing specialty to have direct
30 reimbursement rights under Medicare; and

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32 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are primary anesthesia
33 providers in rural Arkansas and continue to be the primary providers of
34 anesthesia care to United States military personnel worldwide; and

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36 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists practice in every



1 setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital
2 surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, critical access hospitals,
3 ambulatory surgical centers, and offices of dentists, podiatrists,
4 ophthalmologists, pain management specialists, and more healthcare
5 professionals; and

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7 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are proven qualified
8 to make independent judgments regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based
9 on their education, licensure, and certification; and

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11 WHEREAS, nationally, the period of January 24-30, 2021, has been
12 designated as "National CRNA Week",

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14 NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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18 THAT the week of January 24-30, 2021, shall be known as "National CRNA
19 Week" in Arkansas to recognize the importance of certified registered nurse
20 anesthetists and their role in providing high-quality care for all Arkansans.
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