

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 22 through 28, 2012, as "Nurse  
2 Anesthetists Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nurse anesthetists were the first professional group  
4 to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest  
5 recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse  
6 specialists; and

7 WHEREAS, These registered nurses have completed a graduate-  
8 level educational program in a nationally accredited program of  
9 nurse anesthesia and after graduation are qualified to take the  
10 national certifying examination; and

11 WHEREAS, Graduates who successfully pass the examination can  
12 use the title Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and,

1 in addition, all graduates of nurse anesthesia educational  
2 programs receive a master's degree upon completion of the  
3 rigorous academic and clinical curriculum; and

4 WHEREAS, CRNAs provide anesthesia services in all settings in  
5 which anesthesia is delivered; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the American Association of Nurse  
7 Anesthetists, more than two-thirds of all rural hospitals rely  
8 on CRNAs to provide anesthesia care, and without these advanced  
9 practice nurses, some 1,500 facilities would be unable to  
10 maintain trauma stabilization and surgical and obstetrical  
11 capabilities, forcing many rural Americans to travel long  
12 distances for such services; and

13 WHEREAS, Each year, CRNAs working in hospitals, ambulatory  
14 surgical centers, physicians' offices and the medical facilities  
15 of the United States military, Veterans' Administration and  
16 Public Health Service are the hands-on providers of  
17 approximately 32 million anesthetics given to patients in the  
18 United States; and

19 WHEREAS, The period of January 22 through 28, 2012, has been  
20 designated as "Nurse Anesthetists Week"; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
22 week of January 22 through 28, 2012, as "Nurse Anesthetists  
23 Week" in Pennsylvania to recognize the importance of Certified  
24 Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing  
25 quality health care for the public.