

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 10, 2016 "NEW MEXICO CERTIFIED REGISTERED
3 NURSE ANESTHETISTS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists have
6 been administering anesthesia to patients in the
7 United States for more than one hundred fifty years; and

8 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are
9 advanced-practice registered nurses who administer more than
10 thirty-eight million anesthetics to patients each year; and

11 WHEREAS, more than forty-eight thousand United States
12 nurse anesthetists and student nurse anesthetists are members
13 of the American association of nurse anesthetists; and

14 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, certified registered nurse
15 anesthetists provide the majority of anesthesia care in rural
16 hospitals, ensuring patient access to obstetrical, surgical,
17 trauma stabilization and pain management services; and

18 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists have
19 been recognized as medicare part B providers since 1986; and

20 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists work in
21 every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including
22 hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and physician offices;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, nurse-administered anesthesia predominates in
25 veterans hospitals and in the United States armed forces; and

1 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetist services
2 include pre-anesthesia evaluation, administering the
3 anesthetic, monitoring and interpreting the patient's vital
4 signs and managing patient care throughout surgery; and

5 WHEREAS, providing acute and chronic pain management
6 services is within the professional scope of practice of
7 certified registered nurse anesthetists; and

8 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists have
9 advanced degrees and, by 2025, will be required to have
10 doctoral degrees; and

11 WHEREAS, a majority of certified registered nurse
12 anesthetists practicing in New Mexico have at least a
13 master's degree; and

14 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are
15 trained and licensed to provide anesthesia services without
16 the supervision of a physician, allowing them to meet the
17 needs of New Mexico patients, including those in rural areas;
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19 WHEREAS, numerous studies have cited the high quality of
20 nurse anesthesia care, and results of a new study led to a
21 recommendation that costly and duplicative supervision
22 requirements for certified registered nurse anesthetists be
23 eliminated; and

24 WHEREAS, to ensure patient access to high-quality care,
25 an institute of medicine report recommends that

1 advanced-practice registered nurses should be allowed to
2 practice to the full extent of the nurse's education and
3 training; and

4 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists provide
5 patient access to high-quality care and promote local control
6 of health care delivery;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 10, 2016 be declared
9 "New Mexico Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Day" in
10 the senate; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico association of
13 nurse anesthetists. _____

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