

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to America's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for 150 years and safely administering more than 34 million anesthetics to patients each year; and

**WHEREAS**, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization services. In some states, CRNAs are the sole providers in nearly 100% of the rural hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**; CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists and plastic surgeons; ambulatory surgical centers; U.S. Military and Public Health Services and Veterans Administration medical facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, nurse anesthetists have been the main provider of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel on the front lines since WWI, including current conflicts in the Middle East, and nurses first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War; and

Now Therefore, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 28, 2015, as

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in Mississippi and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing these outstanding healthcare professionals for their contribution in adding to the quality of life in our state and country.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Jackson, on the twenty-third day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR