



PROCLAMATION

“DESIGNATING JANUARY 18-24, 2026, AS CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS’ WEEK IN THE CITY OF OTHELLO, WA.”

WHEREAS: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses. Providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years, CRNAs are the original anesthesia experts and among the nation’s most trusted professions.

WHEREAS: Legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural communities and continue to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered—from traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms to critical access hospitals; from ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain managements specialists and more; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgements regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, training, and licensure; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the frontlines, caring for patients safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all patients—from newborns to seniors—for every type of procedure in all types of facilities; and

WHEREAS: CRNAs are courageously serving on the frontlines of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic— using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation, and ventilator management to care for the sickest patients; and

WHEREAS: the period of January 18-24, 2026, has been designed as National CRNA Week.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, KENNETH JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OTHELLO, WASHINGTON, do hereby proclaim the week of January 18th to January 24th as:

“CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS’ WEEK”



BE IT RESOLVED in the City of Othello, WA that the week of January 18-24, 2026, shall be known as CRNA Week in Othello, WA to recognize the importance of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing high-quality care for the public in our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Othello, Washington to be affixed this 12th day of January 2026.

By: Ken Johnson
Ken Johnson [Jan 16, 2026 14:47:44 PST]

Ken Johnson, Mayor