

Date of Hearing: March 2, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 144 (Hadwick) – As Introduced February 19, 2026

SUBJECT: National CRNA Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of January 18–24, 2026, as National CRNA Week to celebrate and recognize the vital contributions of certified registered nurse anesthetists to the health and well-being of Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are highly trained, advanced practice registered nurses specializing in anesthesiology who provide expert care to patients before, during, and after surgical, obstetrical, trauma, and procedural services across the continuum of care.
- 2) CRNAs are integral to California’s health care system, delivering safe, cost-effective, and accessible anesthesia and pain management services in urban centers, rural hospitals, critical access facilities, military settings, and underserved communities throughout the state. They have completed rigorous academic and clinical training, including advanced education in pharmacology, physiology, pathophysiology, and anesthesia practice.
- 3) In many rural and medically underserved areas, CRNAs serve as the primary or sole anesthesia professionals, making it possible for hospitals and surgical facilities to maintain essential services, such as emergency surgery, obstetrical care, trauma response, and procedural access close to home.
- 4) CRNAs utilize innovative nonopioid pain management strategies, such as multimodal anesthesia, peripheral nerve blocks, regional anesthesia, and the use of nonopioid medications like acetaminophen, anti-inflammatory drugs, and adjunctive therapies, to effectively control pain while avoiding opioid-related complications.
- 5) CRNAs demonstrate leadership in clinical practice, education, health care delivery innovation, and policy advocacy, helping to address California’s evolving health care access challenges and advancing equitable care for all populations.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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