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SENATE MEMORIAL 96

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in New Mexico, certified registered nurse anesthetists provide the majority of anesthesia care in rural hospitals, ensuring patient access to obstetrical, surgical,

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1 trauma stabilization and pain management services; and

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

4 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists work in
5 every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including
6 hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and physician offices;
7 and

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

10 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetist services
11 include pre-anesthesia evaluation, administering the
12 anesthetic, monitoring and interpreting the patient's vital
13 signs and managing patient care throughout surgery; and

14 WHEREAS, providing acute and chronic pain management
15 services is within the professional scope of practice of
16 certified registered nurse anesthetists; and

17 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists have
18 advanced degrees and, by 2025, will be required to have
19 doctoral degrees; and

20 WHEREAS, a majority of certified registered nurse
21 anesthetists practicing in New Mexico have at least a master's
22 degree; and

23 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are
24 trained and licensed to provide anesthesia services without the
25 supervision of a physician, allowing them to meet the needs of

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1 New Mexico patients, including those in rural areas; and

2 WHEREAS, numerous studies have cited the high quality of
3 nurse anesthesia care, and results of a new study led to a
4 recommendation that costly and duplicative supervision
5 requirements for certified registered nurse anesthetists be
6 eliminated; and

7 WHEREAS, to ensure patient access to high-quality care, an
8 institute of medicine report recommends that advanced-practice
9 registered nurses should be allowed to practice to the full
10 extent of the nurse's education and training; and

11 WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists provide
12 patient access to high-quality care and promote local control
13 of health care delivery;

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

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico association of
19 nurse anesthetists.