

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.123

Reps. Bezotte, Breen, Garza, Haadsma, Sneller, Steenland and Thanedar offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 7-13, 2021, as Certified
2 Anesthesiologist Assistants Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, In the early 1960s, leaders in the medical specialty
4 of anesthesiology recognized the existence of staffing shortages
5 and to meet the growing demands and to accommodate the increasing
6 complexity of anesthesia and surgery, three anesthesiologists
7 proposed the precursor to what is now the certified
8 anesthesiologist assistant; and

9 Whereas, Certified anesthesiologist assistants (CAAs) are
10 highly skilled health professionals who work under the direction of
11 licensed physician anesthesiologists to implement anesthesia care
12 plans and work exclusively within the anesthesia care team model as

1 described by the American Society of Anesthesiologists; and

2 Whereas, All CAA students must have earned a baccalaureate
3 degree with premedical coursework to be admitted into a CAA
4 training program and must complete a comprehensive didactic and
5 clinical program at the graduate school level; and

6 Whereas, CAA training programs must include a minimum of 24-28
7 months in a master's level program accredited by the Commission for
8 the Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP)
9 and must be based at, or in collaboration with, a university that
10 has a medical school and academic anesthesiologist physician
11 faculty; and

12 Whereas, An average of 600 hours of classroom/laboratory
13 education, 2,000 hours of clinical anesthesia education, and more
14 than 600 anesthetics administered, including all types of surgery,
15 are typically required to successfully complete CAA training; and

16 Whereas, CAAs are trained extensively in the delivery and
17 maintenance of quality anesthesia care as well as advanced patient
18 monitoring techniques and perform such tasks as administering
19 drugs, obtaining vascular access, applying and interpreting
20 monitors, establishing and maintaining patient airway, and
21 assisting with preoperative assessment; and

22 Whereas, In 1989, the National Commission for Certification of
23 Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA) was established to create a
24 national certification process and since 2002, there has been a
25 significant expansion of CAA education programs in the U.S.; and

26 Whereas, CAAs practice in 16 states and the District of
27 Columbia, the Medicare system, and Veteran's Affairs hospitals
28 across the country and provide anesthesia services for thousands of
29 medical procedures every year in the United States; and

1 Whereas, The Michigan Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants
2 is dedicated to providing the safest, high-quality care as a member
3 of the anesthesia care team and to creating a better future through
4 innovation, cutting-edge medicine, advocacy, and education; and

5 Whereas, A national week of recognition for certified
6 anesthesiologist assistants starts June 7, 2021, and continues
7 through June 13, 2021; now, therefore, be it

8 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
9 this legislative body declare June 7-13, 2021, as Certified
10 Anesthesiologist Assistant Week in the state of Michigan.