



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists are guardians of patient safety in health care. This includes in the operating room, in the delivery room, in the intensive care unit, in pain management clinics and at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), protecting our nation's veterans; and*

*WHEREAS, the 12 to 14 years of education and 12,000 to 16,000 hours of training physician anesthesiologists receive prepare them to navigate life-and-death moments and help ensure patients receive the highest-quality care; and*

*WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in keeping patients safe in Alabama, whether managing a crisis during surgery or labor and delivery, providing pain management or caring for our most vulnerable patients, our veterans, who are often suffering from medical conditions associated with their military service; and*

*WHEREAS, the Anesthesia Care Team Model, led by physician anesthesiologists, is widely recognized as the gold standard of care used in the nation's top hospitals and in the VA to protect patients and the millions of veterans who have served our country; and*

*WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists are recognized leaders who are committed to safe and high-quality patient care, educating patients on anesthesia safety and reducing risks of complications before, during and after surgery;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 26 through April 1, 2023, as*

# *Physician Anesthesiologists Week*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City  
of Montgomery on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor