



WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists have been guiding their medical teams to provide critical care, and were pushed to their limits at the height of and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, all the while physician anesthesiologists and their teams continued to provide life-saving care, we should recognize their dedication to the profession, and acknowledge the amazing care they provide to Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, annually in the United States, more than 100 million operations and procedures are performed with anesthesia; and

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

WHEREAS, during surgeries and procedures when seconds count, physician anesthesiologists have the highest degree of training to respond to emergencies and ensure the best patient outcomes and act as leaders of the important medical team; and

WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists have transformed the course of modern surgery through advancement in anesthesia care, including innovative techniques and delivery models such as spinal anesthesia that allows many Colorado patients to safely undergo outpatient surgeries and experience improved outcomes; and

WHEREAS, these anesthetic procedures are saving money in healthcare as they have reduced hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists evaluate, monitor, and supervise patients before, during, and after surgery and lead the Anesthesia Care Team to ensure optimal patient safety; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the important and irreplaceable role that physician anesthesiologists play in the medical field, and honor their education and specialty;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between March 8 to March 14th, 2026, as

PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGIST WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this eighth day of March, 2026



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor