WHEREAS: More than 100 million operations and procedures are performed every year and anesthesia and physician anesthesiologists play a critical role before, during, and afterwards, making patient safety their top priority; and

WHEREAS: Anesthesia is safer than ever before but there is always a potential for complications and side effects, and physician anesthesiologists have the training and expertise to help minimize risks, monitor for any problems, and take quick action; and

WHEREAS: When emergencies or complications occur unexpectedly and every second counts, physician anesthesiologists draw on their extensive medical education and years of clinical training and experience to make critical decisions that save lives; and

WHEREAS: Physician anesthesiologists are committed to high-quality and safe patient care and educating patients to make their anesthesia even safer, which reduces risk of complications from surgery; and

WHEREAS: Physician anesthesiologists are recognized leaders uniquely suited to prevent opioid abuse and misuse by employing opioid-minimizing techniques while ensuring patients have access to appropriate pain treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim January 26 - February 1, 2020 to be

PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, January 3, 2020.

Kate Brown, Governor

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State