



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK**

**2017**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, surgical technologists play a vital role in the care and health of surgical patients in the state of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, surgical technologists – also called scrub, surgical, or operating room technicians – are members of operating room teams, which most commonly include surgeons, anesthesiologists, and circulating nurses; under the supervision of surgeons, surgical technologists assist in medical operations; and

**WHEREAS**, major hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers in North Carolina employ approximately 2,800 surgical technologists to work with surgeons in the operating room to provide quality patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, as advancements such as fiber optics and laser technology allow for new surgical procedures, employment of surgical technologists who are educated in these methods and procedures is expected to increase more rapidly than the average for all other occupations; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has 23 accredited surgical technology programs graduating more than 200 quality students annually; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the Association of Surgical Technologists designates a week in September as “National Surgical Technologists Week” to celebrate and promote the profession; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that these allied health professionals receive recognition for their contributions to the care and health of the residents of our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17 – 23, 2017, as “**NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.