



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK

2018

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, according to the North Carolina Chapter of the Association of Surgical Technologists, major hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers in North Carolina employ approximately 3,200 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 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 16 – 22, 2018, 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 eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.