



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, surgical technology has grown to meet the ever-increasing demand for well-educated, highly-skilled and versatile surgical technologists; and

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 3,600 surgical technologists and over 109,000 surgical technologists nationwide are an integral part of the surgical teams committed to providing the highest quality of surgical care to patients; and

WHEREAS, surgical technologists are responsible for the application of sterile and aseptic technique in the operating room, ensuring that equipment functions properly and facilitating safe and effective conduct during invasive surgical procedures; and

WHEREAS, surgical technologists strive to prevent life-threatening surgical site infections and maximize patient safety; and

WHEREAS, Certified Surgical Technologists graduate from an accredited program and receive certification conferred by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting based upon passage of the national examination; and

WHEREAS, the surgical technologist's motto "Aeger Primo, the patient first" reflects total commitment to patient safety and advocacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17 – 23, 2023, as "**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 fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.