



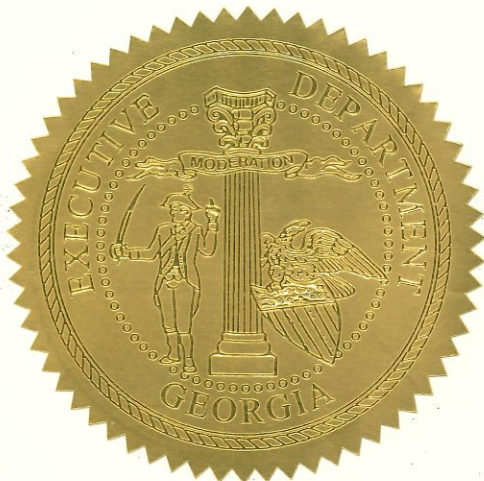
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK

- 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:** Over 90,000 surgical technologists act as an integral part of a surgical team by being entrusted with the lives and well-being of patients and providing a critical service during surgical procedures; 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 by providing high quality care. 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; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia honors Surgical Technologist Week to celebrate and commend the lifesaving work these men and women do each day; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2023, as SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST DAY in Georgia and September 17-23, 2023, as SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha K. Lister

CHIEF OF STAFF