



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:** Surgical technologists are entrusted with the lives and well-being of patients and provide 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; 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, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2024, as SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK in Georgia, culminating in SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST DAY on September the 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF