



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL 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. 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. Over 90,000 surgical technologists nationwide are an integral part of the surgical team 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:** 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 National Surgical Technologist Week to acknowledge the importance of surgical technologists and their role in the care and recovery of their patients; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2026, as NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST DAY in Georgia, and September 20-26, 2026, as NATIONAL 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 18th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauran M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF