



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

**WHEREAS**, surgical technologists are entrusted with the lives and well-being of patients and provide a critical service during surgical procedures;

**WHEREAS**, 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;

**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;

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

**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;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2017 as

*Surgical Technologist Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-second day of August, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State