



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Surgical Technologist is often the surgical team member present during the entire course of the surgical procedure, tasked with creating and maintaining sterile fields and being a patient advocate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Surgical Technologist must stay abreast of all new or improved surgical techniques, modalities and equipment in order to provide the highest standard of care to the surgical patients of the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee was the first state in the nation to ensure patient safety by establishing standards of practice for Certified Surgical technologist practicing in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's Certified Surgical Technologists strive to live by and follow their motto AEGER PRIMO, "The patient first," and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Surgical Technologists recognize the third week in September annually as National Surgical Technologists Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 21-27, 2014 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 eleventh day of August, 2014.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Paragat in blue ink.

Secretary of State