

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- 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,** over 100,000 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,** 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, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 20-26, 2026*, as:

National Surgical Technologists Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Second Day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State