WHEREAS; for more than six decades, the field of surgical technology has grown to meet the increasing demand for well-educated, skilled, and adaptable surgical technologists; and

WHEREAS; responsible for preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative duties, among other responsibilities, surgical technologists prepare equipment, operating rooms, and patients for procedures, maintain equipment and sterility, facilitate safe and effective conduct during surgical procedures, and play an integral role in providing the highest quality of patient care; and

WHEREAS; surgical technologists in Wisconsin are entrusted with the lives of all patients in their care, and they provide a critical service during surgical procedures to prevent life-threatening infections and maximize patient safety; and

WHEREAS; surgical technologists require thorough training and education and live by the motto, "Aeger Primo," which means "the patient first" and reflects a total commitment to patient safety and advocacy; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in commending surgical technologists and thanking them for their service to patients and communities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 15 – 21 2024 as

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throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

	have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19th day of August
TONY EVERS, Governor	J
By the Governor:	

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State