WHEREAS; over the years, 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, living 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, their families, and communities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 20 through 26 2026 as

NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 16th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State