## STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; for more than 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; more than 4,000 surgical technologists in Wisconsin 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, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 15 – 21, 2019, as

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throughout the States onsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State