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, responsible for applying sterile and aseptic techniques in the operating room, ensuring that equipment functions properly, and facilitating safe and effective conduct during surgical procedures, surgical technologists play an integral role in providing the highest quality of care to patients across our state; 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 commends all surgical technologists and thanks them for their service to patients and communities across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 18 – 24, 2022, as

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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 26th day of August 2022.

[Signature]
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State