

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 invasive surgical procedures, surgical technologists play an integral role in providing the highest quality of care to patients across our state; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's more than 4,000 surgical technologists are entrusted with the lives of all patients in their care, and provide a critical service during surgical procedures to prevent life-threatening infections and maximize patient safety; and

WHEREAS; surgical technologists require extensive training and education, and live by the motto, "Aeger Primo" – Latin for "the patient first" – which reflects total commitment to patient safety and advocacy; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends all surgical technologists serving patients and communities across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 20 through 26, 2020, as

## **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK**

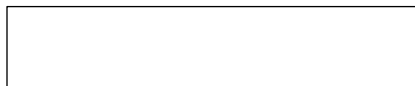
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State