



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

Surgical Technologist Week

WHEREAS, the Association of Surgical Technologists was officially created as a nonprofit educational association in 1969 with the support of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Hospital Association; and

WHEREAS, the Association's foremost goal centers around ensuring that surgical technologists – through accredited surgical technology programs, certification and continuing education requirements – continue to administer the highest quality care to the surgical patient; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists' goal is to uphold the goals and standards set by the national organization to ensure surgical excellence in the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, surgical technologists are integral members of the surgical team, working closely with the surgeon and in alliance with the registered nurse, delivering direct patient care and ensuring patient safety before and during the operative procedure; and

WHEREAS, surgical technologists are entrusted with the lives and well-being of patients and provide a critical service during surgical procedures; 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, the surgical technologist's motto "Aeger Primo, The Patient First" reflects total commitment to patient safety and advocacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2011

Surgical Technologist Week

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 18th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE