

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's 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,** over 90,000 surgical technologists nationwide 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 from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting based upon passing of the national examination; and

**WHEREAS,** the surgical technologists motto, "Aeger Primo, The Patient First," reflects total commitment to patient safety and advocacy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18 - 24, 2016, as**

### **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to acknowledge the important role of surgical technologists in the care and recovery of their patients and recognize their diligence and professionalism that help keep our residents safe and healthy.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**