

WHEREAS, surgical technologists perform a vital role as members of the peri-operative team in hospitals across the country and in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, the surgical technology profession continues to grow to meet the increasing demand for well-educated, highly skilled, and versatile surgical team members; and

WHEREAS, by pursuing opportunities for continuing education in the ever-changing health care industry, surgical technologists are helping to deliver optimal patient care and ensure safety in their workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 20 - 27, 2009, as

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor surgical technologists in the Palmetto State for their commitment to the health and well-being of our residents.