



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Surgical Technologists Week

WHEREAS, surgical technologists are an integral part of the surgical team committed to providing the highest quality of care to patients and strive to prevent life threatening surgical site infections and maximize patient safety; and

WHEREAS, over 90,000 surgical technologists nationwide are entrusted with the lives and well-being of patients and provide a critical service during surgical procedures; and

WHEREAS, there are about 350 surgical technologists in Hawai'i who 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, certified surgical technologists graduate from accredited programs, and upon passage of the national examination, receive certification conferred by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting; and

WHEREAS, the surgical technologist's motto, "Aeger Primo -The Patient First", reflects the commitment to patient advocacy and safety;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 17 - 23, 2017 as

"SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the important role surgical technologists play in the care and recovery of their patients, and honor the diligence and professionalism of these men and women for keeping the residents of our state safe and healthy.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of September 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i