

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, surgical technologists are integral members of the surgical team, working closely with the surgeon, and in an alliance with the nurses and anesthesiologist, delivering direct patient care and providing a critical service to the patient's safety before, during, and after the operative procedure; and

WHEREAS, as skilled and dedicated professionals, surgical technologists are entrusted with the lives and well-being of patients, and are responsible for the application of sterile and aseptic techniques in the operating room, ensuring the equipment functions properly, and facilitating safe and effective performance during invasive surgical procedures; and

WHEREAS, the surgical technology profession has grown to meet the continuing demand for well-educated, highly skilled, and versatile individuals to work with surgeons, and Certified Surgical Technologists graduate from an accredited program and receive certification from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting upon successful passing of the national examination; and

WHEREAS, the more than 100,000 surgical technologists throughout the nation with 4,600 of them within the state of Florida, strive to prevent life-threatening surgical site infections and maximize patient safety, and their motto "*Aeger Primo, The Patient First*" reflects total commitment to patient safety and advocacy, and they are up to date on all aspect of their profession by participating in continuing education and membership in specific organizations that enhance their skills; and

WHEREAS, the role of a surgical technologist is especially important as they ensure a sterile and organized environment throughout all phases of surgical procedures including preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2024, as

"NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in acknowledging the important role of the surgical technologist in the care and recovery of their patients and thanking them for their professional dedication and commitment to the health and safety of the residents of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24th day of August 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor