



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- 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 certification and continuing education requirements, continue to administer the highest quality care to the surgical patient; and
- WHEREAS: Certified Surgical Technologists graduate from an accredited program and receive certification conferred by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting based upon passage of the national examination; 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 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, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim  
September 16-21, 2012 as:

## SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State  
of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE