

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the profession of surgical technology was developed during World War II when there was a critical need for assistance in performing surgical procedures—from this need, the profession of surgical technology has grown to meet the continuing demand for well educated, highly skilled and versatile individuals to deliver the highest possible level of patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Surgical Technologist, Inc., was officially incorporated as a nonprofit, educational association in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association’s primary concerns center around ensuring that surgical technologists administer quality patient care through accredited surgical technology programs, certification and continuing education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Surgical Technologists are integral members of the surgical team who work closely with the surgeon, anesthesiologist and registered nurse, delivering direct patient care before, during and after surgery:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 15 through September 21, 2002, as

**SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to recognize the dedicated work of surgical technologists and to remember the theme for this week, “Excellence with an Edge.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State of  
Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, June  
17, 2002, in the two hundred and  
twenty-fifth year of the United  
States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR