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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 18 through 24, 2016, as  
2 "Surgical Technologist Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Surgical technologists play a vital role in the care  
4 and health of surgical patients in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Surgical technologists, also called scrubs and  
6 surgical or operating room technicians, are members of operating  
7 room teams, which most commonly include surgeons,  
8 anesthesiologists and circulating nurses, and, under the  
9 supervision of surgeons, registered nurses or other surgical  
10 personnel, surgical technologists assist medical operations in a  
11 number of capacities; and

12 WHEREAS, All major hospitals in this Commonwealth employ  
13 surgical technologists to work with surgeons in the operating  
14 room to provide quality patient care; and

15 WHEREAS, As the Baby Boomer Generation, which accounts for a

1 large percentage of the general population, approaches  
2 retirement age, and as technological advances such as fiber  
3 optics and laser technology permit new surgical procedures,  
4 employment of surgical technologists who are educated in these  
5 procedures and technologies is expected to grow faster than the  
6 average for all occupations; and

7 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth there are 18 programs in  
8 surgical technology, graduating quality students annually; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year the Association of Surgical Technologists  
10 designates a week in September as National Surgical Technologist  
11 Week to celebrate and promote the profession; and

12 WHEREAS, It is fitting that these professionals receive  
13 recognition for their contributions to the care and health of  
14 the residents of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
16 week of September 18 through 24, 2016, as "Surgical Technologist  
17 Week" in Pennsylvania.