
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 21, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 17 through 23, 2017, 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 and ambulatory surgical centers
13 in this Commonwealth employ surgical technologists to work with
14 surgeons in the operating room to provide quality patient care;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, As the baby boomer generation, which accounts for a
17 large percentage of the general population, approaches

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

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

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 week of September 17 through 23, 2017, as "Surgical Technologist
16 Week" in Pennsylvania.