
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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.