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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 21ST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2025, AS  
"NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ajello,  
Fellela, Tanzi, Fogarty, McNamara, and Bennett  
Date Introduced: January 15, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

- 1 WHEREAS, National Surgical Technologists Week is celebrated annually during the
- 2 third week of September, in honor of the essential role that surgical technologists play in ensuring
- 3 patient safety and supporting surgeons during surgeries; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) is a national, nonprofit
- 5 organization representing over 80,000 surgical technologists across the country who hold the
- 6 Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) credential. These professionals are vital members of the
- 7 healthcare team, serving as the surgeon's co-pilot and ensuring the operating room runs smoothly;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, Surgical technologists provide indispensable support during surgeries by
- 10 preparing instruments and supplies, maintaining the sterile field, and ensuring that every member
- 11 of the surgical team adheres to aseptic and sterile techniques. Their vigilance and expertise are
- 12 crucial to the safety and success of every surgical procedure; and
- 13 WHEREAS, National Surgical Technologists Week offers an opportunity to recognize
- 14 and celebrate these dedicated professionals for their commitment to patient safety and their
- 15 contributions to the healthcare system; and
- 16 WHEREAS, The tireless work of surgical technologists allows surgeries to be conducted
- 17 efficiently and safely, which is especially critical in the ever-evolving landscape of healthcare.
- 18 They are a vital part of surgical teams in hospitals and healthcare facilities across Rhode Island
- 19 and the nation; and

1           WHEREAS, Surgical technologists embody the highest standards of professionalism and  
2 skill, working diligently to keep patients safe and ensuring that surgical procedures are performed  
3 in the most optimal conditions; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
5 commemorates September 21st through September 27th, 2025, as "National Surgical  
6 Technologists Week" in recognition of the important role surgical technologists play in  
7 healthcare, and urges all citizens of the state to join in expressing appreciation for their hard work  
8 and dedication to patient care; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Association of Surgical Technologists and  
11 the Rhode Island Department of Health.

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