



Proclamation

Ongoing developments in the medical field allow for more surgical procedures to be performed here in Hawai'i. Assisting surgeons across the islands are surgical technologists, who combine knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures and implementation of tools and technologies. While the medical field in the state faces a strong need for these professionals, Hawai'i's educational system also benefits from increasing numbers of students enrolling in classes designed to further their medical careers.

Professionals in this field strive for expertise in theories and applications of sterile and aseptic techniques. Surgical technologists enhance and facilitate surgeon's performances during invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.

The Association of Surgical Technologists promotes quality patient care, develops healthcare standards and medical credentials, monitors the changing healthcare environment and creates opportunities for personal and professional growth of surgical technologists and surgical assistants.

Created during World War II to address the alarming shortage of qualified personnel providing essential assistance during surgical procedures, the surgical technology profession today facilitates safe and effective conduct during invasive surgical procedures, maximizing patient safety.

Continuing efforts to provide excellent care to the people of our state, the Hawai'i Surgical Technologists Association is honored to join with our nation in recognizing "*Surgical Technologists: Instruments of Excellence*," during National Surgical Technologist Week.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **September 16 through 22, 2007**, as

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK

in Hawai'i, and honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep the residents of our state safe and healthy.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of September 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i