

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Surgical Technologist (AST) was officially established in 1969 as a non-profit educational association by the members of the American College of Surgeons, the American Hospital Association, and Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, and is the oldest and most recognized professional organization for surgical technologists and surgical assistants; and

**WHEREAS**, the surgical technology profession has grown to meet the continuing demand for well-educated, highly skilled, and versatile individuals to work with surgeons, and Certified Surgical Technologists graduate from an accredited program and receive certification from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting upon successful passing of the national examination; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of AST is to enhance the profession, and ensure surgical technologists, through accredited surgical technology programs, certifications and continuing education requirements, continue to administer the highest quality care to the surgical patient; and

**WHEREAS**, surgical technologists are integral members of the surgical team, working closely with the surgeon, in an alliance with the registered nurse, delivering direct patient care and providing a critical service to the patient's safety before and during the operative procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, as skilled professionals, surgical technologists are entrusted with the lives and well-being of patients, and are responsible for the application of sterile and aseptic techniques in the operating room, making sure the equipment functions properly, and facilitating safe and effective performance during invasive surgical procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, surgical technologists strive to prevent life-threatening surgical site infections and maximize patient safety, and their motto "Aeger Primo, The Patient First" reflects total commitment to patient safety and advocacy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2011 as

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in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in acknowledging the important role of the surgical technologist in the care and recovery of their patients, and thanking them for their professional dedication and commitment to the health and safety of the residents of the community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

