

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 35

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 103

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to National Surgical Technologist Week.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 35, Roger Hernández. National Surgical Technologist Week.

This measure would recognize and declare the week of September 18 to 24, 2011, inclusive, as National Surgical Technologist Week in California.

WHEREAS, The Association of Surgical Technologists was officially created as a nonprofit educational association in 1969 with the support of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Hospital Association; and

WHEREAS, Surgical technologists are responsible for the environmental disinfection, safety, and efficiency of the operating room, and their knowledge and experience with aseptic surgical technique qualifies them for a role of importance in the surgical suite; 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 other skilled professionals to deliver the highest possible level of patient care; and

WHEREAS, Surgical technologists are skilled professionals uniquely prepared for, and proud of their role on, surgical teams in hospitals across the country and in California, where an estimated 5,000 surgical technologists, of the nearly 90,000 surgical technologists nationally, are employed; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 1,400 California surgical technologists hold certification in their profession from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) for surgical technologists in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Based on scientific evidence, the key role that health care personnel in surgical settings can play by taking specific steps to prevent surgical site infections for some operations has been underscored by both the National Surgical Infection Prevention Project and reported in The Joint Commission's Annual Report on Quality and Safety—2007; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Commission's Annual Report on Quality and Safety—2007 reported that surgical site infections were the second most common hospital-acquired infections in the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is a primary function of surgical technologists and surgical assistants with proper education, training, and skills to administer patient care of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco, California, has been selected as the site for the 42nd Annual National Conference of the Association of Surgical Technologists from May 31 to June 4, 2011, inclusive; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes and declares the week of September 18 to 24, 2011, inclusive, as National Surgical Technologist Week in California; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.