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## State Representative Julie Willoughby Celebrates National Surgical Technologists Week

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – State Representative Julie Willoughby, a professional ER trauma nurse, proudly acknowledges the important role surgical technologists play in healthcare during National Surgical Technologists Week, observed from September 15-21, 2024. This weeklong observance highlights the critical contributions these professionals make in ensuring patient safety and supporting surgical teams nationwide.

**“Surgical technologists are vital members of the operating room team, ensuring procedures run smoothly and safely,”** Representative Willoughby said. **“Their expertise in maintaining sterile environments and providing the right tools at the right time is essential to the success of every surgery. Their behind-the-scenes work directly impacts patient outcomes, and as a nurse, I have a deep appreciation for their dedication and skill. I’m honored to recognize them this week.”**

National Surgical Technologists Week has been celebrated annually since 1984. Today, more than 100,000 certified surgical technologists across the country are entrusted with the well-being of patients, making their role indispensable in the healthcare system.

*Julie Willoughby is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 13 in Chandler, Gilbert, and Sun Lakes. Follow her on X/Twitter at @JWilloughbyAZ.*

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