



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Central Sterile Supply Department technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies and equipment; and,

WHEREAS, serving in sterile settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers, Central Sterile Supply Department technicians provide support to patient care services; and,

WHEREAS, Central Sterile Supply Department tasks include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care; and,

WHEREAS, the Central Sterile Supply Department of a healthcare facility is the heart of all activity surrounding instruments, supplies and equipment required for operating rooms, Endoscopy suites, ICU, birth centers and other patient care areas; and,

WHEREAS, Central Sterile Supply Department technicians play a most important role in patient care arenas, and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and,

WHEREAS, the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management (IAHCSMM), based in Chicago, Illinois, represents approximately 16,000 Central Sterile Supply Department professionals in the United States and abroad; and,

WHEREAS, IAHCSMM is committed to promoting safety and preventing infections for patients by providing educational and professional development opportunities to Central Sterile Supply Department professionals; and,

WHEREAS, IAHCSMM has designated the week of October 9 – 15, 2011 as Central Service Week in acknowledgment of the services provided by Central Sterile Supply Department professionals; and,

WHEREAS, Central Service Week recognizes the contributions Central Sterile Supply Department technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2011 as **CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK** in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-EIGHTH *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
ELEVEN, *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

Debbie White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR