

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

### **CENTRAL SERVICES WEEK OCTOBER 9 - 15, 2011**

- WHEREAS,** *Central Sterile Supply Department technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies and equipment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Serving in 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 infection; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is proud to join in recognizing the contribution Central Sterile Supply Department technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2011 as CENTRAL SERVICES WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 9th day of October  
Two Thousand and eleven



*Martin O'Malley*  
Governor

*Robert Ehrlich*  
Lt. Governor

*Joe C. McPherson*  
Secretary of State