

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