

# Proclamation

**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 cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, sorting 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, ICUs, birth centers and other patient care areas; and

**WHEREAS**, central sterile supply department technicians play an important role in patient care arenas, and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and


**WHEREAS**, Central Service Week recognizes the contribution central sterile supply department technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.


**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 9 – 15, 2011, to be

## CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK IN MISSOURI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.



  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:  
  
Secretary of State