

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

STERILE PROCESSING 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, intensive care units, birth centers and other patient care areas; and

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

WHEREAS, **Sterile Processing Week** recognizes the contribution central sterile supply technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 9-15, 2011** as **STERILE PROCESSING WEEK** in New Hampshire.

Given this 12th day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-six.





John H. Lynch
Governor