



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

VIRGINIA CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Virginians is important to the happiness, well-being and prosperity of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

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 important role in patient care arenas, and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize October 9-15, 2011 as **VIRGINIA CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth