

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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 tasks include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care; and

WHEREAS, serving in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers, Central Sterile Supply Department technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment, and providing support to patient care services; 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 infection; and

WHEREAS, Central Service Week recognizes the contribution of Central Sterile Supply Department technicians to patient safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2011, as

Central Service Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 12th day of August, 2011

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

