



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# 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 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 INFECTIONS; AND

**WHEREAS**, INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT WEEK RECOGNIZES THE CONTRIBUTION CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT TECHNICIANS MAKE TO PATIENT SAFETY AND THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FACING THE PROFESSION;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 14<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2012 AS**

**“INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT WEEK”**

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2012.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

Handwritten signature of Susana Martinez in black ink.

SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Dianna J. Duran in black ink.

DIANNA J. DURAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

