

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Central Sterile Supply Department Week**

**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

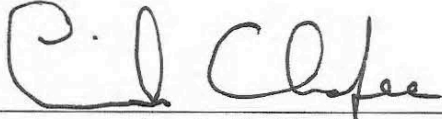
**WHEREAS**, central sterile supply department technicians play an important role in patient care arenas and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and

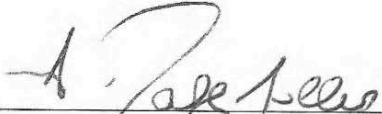
**WHEREAS**, Central Service Week recognizes the contribution central sterile supply department technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2012 Central Sterile Supply Department Week in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State