

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A 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, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2012 as

CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this ___ day of September, A.D. 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", is written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor