

# *State of New Hampshire*

*By His Excellency*

*John H. Lynch, Governor*

## *A Proclamation*

### **STERILE PROCESSING WEEK**

**OCTOBER 9-15, 2011**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 9-15, 2011** as **STERILE PROCESSING WEEK** in New Hampshire.

Given this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of  
Our Lord two thousand and eleven and the  
independence of the United States of America,  
two hundred and thirty-six.

  
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John H. Lynch  
Governor

