

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Central Sterile Supply Department technicians are trained medical support workers responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers; and

WHEREAS, tasks within the Central Sterile Supply Department of a healthcare facility include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies required for operating rooms, Endoscopy suites, ICU, birth centers, and other patient care areas; and

WHEREAS, working as part of a healthcare team, 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, the 2013 observance of Central Sterile Supply Department Week honors Central Sterile Supply technicians for their dedication to patient safety and raises awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 13 - 19, 2013, as

CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the contributions of Central Sterile Supply Department technicians to the delivery of quality healthcare services to the people of the Palmetto State.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA