State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Central Service 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 9-15, 2011 Central Service 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 26th day of September, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State