

WHEREAS; sterile processing technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment through tasks that include sterilizing, decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, storing, and distributing medical devices and supplies; and

WHEREAS; serving in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers, sterile processing technicians provide support to patient care services and play a vital role in first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and

WHEREAS; the sterile processing department of a healthcare facility is the center of all activity surrounding equipment, supplies, and instruments required for operating rooms, endoscopy suites, intensive care units, birth centers, and other patient care areas; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the numerous contributions that sterile processing technicians make to patient safety and in recognizing the challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 8 through 14 2023 as

**STERILE PROCESSING WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 6th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State