WHEREAS; throughout history, the field of sterile processing has developed and expanded to align with medical and scientific advances, as well as a greater understanding of infection control, disease prevention, and patient care; and

WHEREAS; sterile processing technicians play an important role in the nation's healthcare delivery system as they are responsible for the processing of surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment, including the sterilization, decontamination, cleaning, assembling, processing, storing, and distribution of 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 an essential role in first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and

WHEREAS; the sterile processing department of a healthcare facility is at 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 11 through 17 2026 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 9th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State