

WHEREAS; sterile processing technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment through tasks that include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, 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 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; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the numerous contributions that sterile processing technicians make to patient safety in our state, and in recognizing the challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 10 through 16, 2021, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State