

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the estimated 2500 dedicated men and women employed as hospital central service personnel in 128 hospitals and 52 ambulatory surgical centers in North Carolina are highly skilled professionals committed to serving the sick and injured throughout our State, and;

WHEREAS, the vital services they perform -- including decontamination, sterilization, storage and delivery of medical supplies and equipment to patients in Operating and Emergency Rooms, Clinics, and Medical Surgical and Intensive Care Units to name a few -- make an important contribution to efficient patient care. Central Service personnel are in large part responsible for the efficient and safe operation of North Carolina's health care facilities and are an integral part of the medical care system, and;

WHEREAS, Central Service professional standards are set high because they are governed by agencies such as AAMI, OSHA, FDA and JCAHO to protect the patients, and;

WHEREAS, Central Service professionals continually strive to remain current in their rapidly changing environment to provide safe and quality products for the enhancement of patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association for Hospital Central Service Professionals has a distinguished history of progress in medical technology, commitment to professional education and quality service to the citizens of our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lana Haecherl, President of the North Carolina Association of Hospital Central Service Professionals do hereby proclaim, October 9-15, 2011, as **"NORTH CAROLINA HEALTHCARE CENTRAL SERVICE / STERILE PROCESSING WEEK"**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the NCAHCSP Seal this the twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven.

Lana L. Haecherl