

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, sterile processing professionals are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies and equipment; and

WHEREAS, serving in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers, sterile processing professionals provide support to patient care services; and

WHEREAS, sterile processing department tasks include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care; 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, ICU, birth centers and other patient care areas; and

WHEREAS, sterile processing professionals play a most important role in patient care arenas, and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and

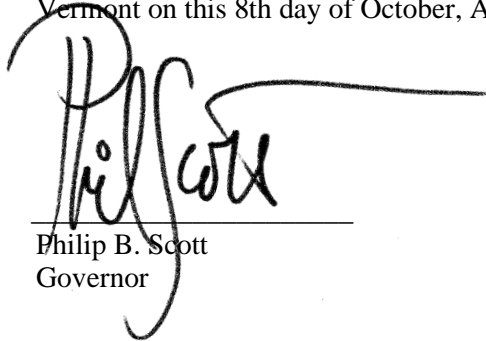
WHEREAS, sterile processing week recognizes the contribution sterile processing professionals make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

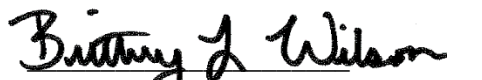
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 10-16, 2021 as

STERILE PROCESSING WEEK
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8th day of October, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs