



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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, intensive care units, 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, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 10 - 16, 2021, as

Sterile Processing Week

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 13th day of September 2021.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor