

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The operations of a sterile processing department consist of the cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization of reusable medical equipment, which consists of medical equipment ranging from stainless steel surgical instrumentation to crash carts, and reusable medical devices are separated into three classes: non-critical, semi-critical, and critical. Each class requires a minimum level of reprocessing; and

WHEREAS: Sterile Processing departments play a vital role in healthcare and are strictly governed by regulatory agencies to guarantee that the departments are adhering to the strict guidelines; and

WHEREAS: Sterile Processing Technicians, responsible for the decontamination, assembly, and sterilization of medical instruments, work behind the scenes as the first line of defense for the patient to ensure medical instruments are clean and working properly to give the patient the best possible outcome; and

WHEREAS: Every hospital has Sterile Processing Technicians that support numerous departments within each facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 11<sup>th</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as

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across the State, and I commend Sterile Processing Technicians for their expertise and dedication to their profession.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor