

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 8 through 14, 2023, as
2 "International Sterile Processing Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Sterile processing departments in health care
4 facilities are responsible for cleaning, assembling,
5 sterilizing, storing and distributing medical devices and
6 supplies needed for patient care; and

7 WHEREAS, Sterile processing technicians ensure that medical
8 staff in operating rooms, intensive care units, endoscopy
9 suites, birth centers and other patient care areas receive
10 sterile surgical instruments, supplies and equipment integral in
11 providing the best possible patient care; and

12 WHEREAS, "International Sterile Processing Week," formerly
13 known as "International Central Service Week," is celebrated
14 annually in October to recognize the committed specialists that
15 fill sterile processing departments and make a difference in
16 patient care throughout the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Sterile processing professionals demonstrate an
18 ongoing diligence to meet the growing needs of the medical

1 community, and their expertise has become increasingly important
2 to help patients achieve the best possible outcomes; and

3 WHEREAS, Cleanliness is critical at all health care
4 facilities across this Commonwealth, and commitment to
5 maintaining high standards of sanitation by sterile processing
6 technicians is crucial in keeping Pennsylvanians safe; therefore
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 week of October 8 through 14, 2023, as "International Sterile
10 Processing Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives applaud all
12 sterile processing professionals for ensuring quality care and
13 service throughout this Commonwealth and encourage all
14 Pennsylvanians to learn more about the sterile processing
15 profession and the role these dedicated professionals play.