



*A Proclamation:
Biomedical/Clinical Engineering Appreciation Week*

Whereas, as medical technology advances, healthcare facilities must keep pace by providing quality, well-trained professionals capable of understanding the complexity of medical equipment operation and applications; and

Whereas, the complexity of medical technology today and in the future makes it essential that those individuals responsible for the care, safety, and accuracy of this equipment are recognized as an invaluable resource to the healthcare industry; and

Whereas, biomedical equipment technicians, clinical engineers, and other medical technology professionals uniquely serve patients, the medical community, and new technology development to improve the quality of today's healthcare; and

Whereas, these professionals research, recommend, install, inspect, and repair medical devices and other complicated medical systems, as well as advise and train others concerning the safe and effective use of medical devices, thereby controlling healthcare costs and improving patient safety; and

Whereas, the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) is a unique alliance of more than 6,000 members united by a common goal to increase the understanding and beneficial use of medical instrumentation, and

Whereas, AAMI's Technology Management Council (TMC) seeks to advance the interests of biomedical equipment technicians, clinical engineers, and other medical technology professionals; now

Therefore, the TMC hereby proclaims May 10-16, 2009, as National Biomedical/Clinical Engineering Appreciation Week.