



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

***INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK***

**WHEREAS, central service technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment; and**

**WHEREAS, serving in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers, central service technicians provide support to patient care services; and**

**WHEREAS, Central Service Department tasks include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care; and**

**WHEREAS, the Central Service 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, central service technicians play an important role in patient care, and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and**

**WHEREAS, International Central Service Week recognizes the contribution central service technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 14-20, 2018, as *International Central Service Week*.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 18th day of September, in the year two thousand eighteen.**



  
Governor