



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

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, ICU, birth centers and other patient care areas; and

WHEREAS, central service technicians play an important role in patient care arenas 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, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim October 14 – October 20, 2018 as: *International Central Service Week* in the state and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this week.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 5 day of October, 2018



Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor