



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

Across Texas, health care professionals are dedicated to providing quality health care to Texans who are ill or injured. In addition to the vital skills of these professionals and availability of the best technology and medicines, the safety and cleanliness of surgical settings and instruments is paramount.

Central service technicians are responsible for managing and processing surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment, including decontaminating, cleaning, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing these devices as needed for patient care. In operating rooms, surgical centers, birthing centers, and a multitude of other patient care settings, central service professionals play an indispensable role in preventing patient infections and the spread of illness and disease.

As Texas continues to respond to the challenges brought on by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the need for quality, clean patient care remains critical, as does the dedication of central service technicians to maintaining sterile environments for patients.

Every year, a week in October is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of central service technicians to patient health and safety and to raising awareness of their critical role in health care. At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the role central service technicians play in health care settings, as well as the opportunities and challenges these professionals face as they ensure all patients receive exceptional care.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 11-17, 2020, to be

Sterile Processing Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 1st day of October, 2020.


Governor of Texas