



## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

### **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**, 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 department tasks include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care; 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**, ever-expanding technological advancements in healthcare delivery require highly trained individuals in the central service field; and

**WHEREAS**, Central Service Week recognizes the contribution central service technicians make to patient safety, and the significant role they play in our healthcare system;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 8-14, 2017, as **CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth