

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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 a most 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, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 11- 17, 2015 as

Central Service Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 12th day of August, 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee