

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, central service technicians provide support to patient care services in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers; 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 the 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 arenas, and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and

WHEREAS, International Central Service Week recognizes the contributions of central service technicians 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 14-20, 2018, as

Central Service Week

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

Signed this 11th day of September, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee

