

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, 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 11-17, 2020, as

Central Service Week

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

Signed this 30th day of September, 2020

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee

