



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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 that Central Service Technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2019 as

Healthcare Central Service Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this fifth day of September, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

