



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

INTERNATIONAL 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, 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, intensive care units, 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, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 13-19, 2013, as *International Central Service Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 18th day of October, in the year two thousand thirteen.


Governor