



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Central Service Week

WHEREAS, central service supply department 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 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 contribution central service technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2013 as Central Service Week in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 1ST day of October, 2013

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State