



**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 they 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 12-18, 2014, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand fourteen.

  
Governor