

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK
OCTOBER 12-18 2014**

- WHEREAS,** *Central Service Technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies and equipment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *servicing 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 Central Service Technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 12-18 2014 as INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK in Maryland, and call upon the people of our State to join in this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 12th day of October
Two Thousand and fourteen

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

John C. McPherson
Secretary of State