



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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 12 through 18, 2014, 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 thirty-first day of July, 2014.

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Governor

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Secretary of State

