

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**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 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;

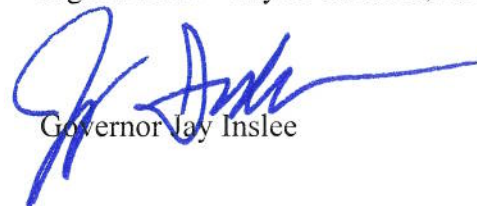
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 12-18, 2014 as

### *Central Service Week*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014

  
Governor Jay Inslee