

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Bill Walker*

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 crucial 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 Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016 as:

Central Services Week

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to recognize the importance of central service technicians and their contributions to the health and safety of Alaskans.

Dated: September 16, 2016



Bill Walker

Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.