



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK

WHEREAS: Central service technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment. 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 health care facility is the heart of all activity surrounding instruments, supplies, and equipment required for operating rooms, endoscopy suites, an 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: Central Service Week affords us an opportunity to recognize the contribution central service technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges faced by those in the profession; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016, as CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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