

# Proclamations

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

**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, ICUs, 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,** *International Central Service Week* recognizes the contribution central service technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **October 9-15, 2016** as:

## *International Central Service Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth year of the State.



*Earl Ray Tomblin*  
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Governor

By the Governor:

*Natalie E. Tennant*  
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