



## *Proclamation*

### *By the Governor of Alabama*

*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*

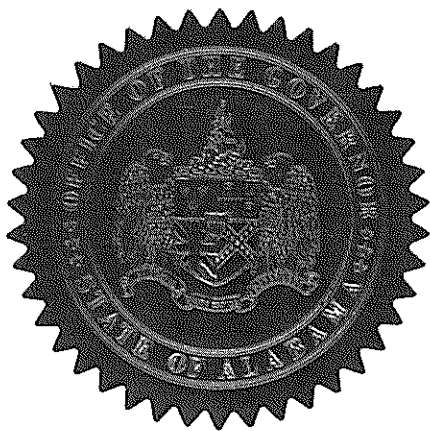
*WHEREAS, Central Service Technicians play a most important role in patient care arenas, and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and*

*WHEREAS, International Central Service Week recognizes the contribution Central Service Technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim  
October 8-14, 2017, as*

## *International Central Service Week*

*in the State of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of  
the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol  
in the City of Montgomery on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
September 2017.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*