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, 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, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2019 as

INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.