

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, serving in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgery centers, central service technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies and equipment and providing essential 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, clinics, emergency departments, 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, Central Service Week provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions central service technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges faced by those in the profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 13 - 19, 2019, as

CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important role of central service technicians in the care and advocacy for their patients as well as their diligence and professionalism that help keep our residents safe and healthy.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA