Proclamation  
by Governor Jim Justice

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, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2019 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 Eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.

By the Governor:

Mac Warner  
Secretary of State