

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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, intensive care units, 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

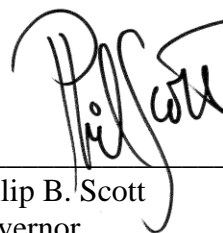
WHEREAS, International Central Service Week recognizes the contribution Central Service Technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 14 - 20, 2018 as

CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of September, A.D. 2018



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs