



Proclamation

WHEREAS, central sterile supply technicians work to ensure everything is ready and prepared for surgical procedures, protecting the welfare and safety of patients; and

WHEREAS, central sterile supply technicians play a very important role in patient care arenas and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and

WHEREAS, over 53,000 central sterile supply technicians are employed in the United States with about 200 in the State of Hawai'i, working in hospitals, outpatient care centers, dental clinics, physician offices, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the constant technological advancements in medical devices has led to a growing demand for highly trained central sterile supply technicians; and

WHEREAS, central sterile supply departments are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices, surgical instruments, supplies and equipment needed for patient care; and

WHEREAS, the Central Sterile Supply Department of a health care 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 sterile supply technicians adhere to industry standards, best practices, and policies and procedures for quality health care;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2018 as

“INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing central sterile supply technicians for their dedication to patient care and professional organizations for maintaining high standards in the profession through training, certification and support of its members.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of October 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i