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 Sterile Department tasks include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care; and

WHEREAS, the Central Sterile 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 sterile technicians play an important role in patient care arenas and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and

WHEREAS, Central Sterile 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, Jenn Weaver, mayor of the Town of Hillsborough, do hereby proclaim Oct. 9-15, 2022, as **Central Sterile Week** in the Town of Hillsborough.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hillsborough to be affixed this 26th day of September in the year 2022.