

The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK
OCTOBER 8-12, 2018

WHEREAS, healthcare information technology and management systems have been recognized as essential tools for improving the quality of patient care, ensuring patient safety, helping to coordinate care across healthcare settings, and reducing health care costs; and

WHEREAS, several non-profit entities have estimated that the implementation of standards for interoperability and the exchange of health information would save the United States approximately more than \$75 billion in healthcare expenses each year; and

WHEREAS, the ability to exchange health information confidently and security across healthcare systems is foundational to transforming America's healthcare delivery system, achieving improved quality and clinical outcomes, and controlling costs; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has placed a clear priority on the nation's healthcare community for adoption of interoperable electronic health records (EHRs) and health information exchange (HIE) is an essential component of the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program's Meaningful Use Stage 2; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has emphasized improving the quality and safety of healthcare delivery in the United States through health information technology; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, organizations across the United States have united to support National Health Information Technology Week to improve public awareness of the benefits of improved quality and cost efficiency of the healthcare system that the implementation of health information technology could achieve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 8-12, 2018** as **HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire and call this to the attention of all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 14th day of September, 2018.



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

