

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK
OCTOBER 2 - 6, 2017**

- WHEREAS,** *It is important to highlight the critical importance of secure and efficient information systems to improving the delivery of health care in Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Information technology and management systems can be used to supply quality jobs, improve health care delivery, enable coordination between providers and patients, improve patient safety and transform health care for all Marylanders; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Health information technology connects doctors and patients to more complete and accurate health records. Everyone can play a role in improving our health care system and an important part of this vision is reorganizing the pivotal role of the patient; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Tools like electronic health records and electronic prescriptions help patients and providers make safer, smarter decisions about health care. Better technology can also cut cost for providers by reducing paperwork and duplicative tests; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is proud to honor the commitment and service of the Healthcare Information & Management Systems Society (HIMSS) National Capital Area (NCA) chapter, clinicians, information technology executives, directors and managers, who work in the state's health care providers institutions, payer organizations, the military and other branches of government, academic centers, and supplier and consulting companies.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim October 2 - 6, 2017 as NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK in Maryland, and do urge all Marylanders to recognize all those who are dedicated to improving health care for all.

*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 2nd day of
Two Thousand and seventeen*

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State

