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2021 NCSL Legislative Summit
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Global Health Equity Week 2021, (GHEW) is an annual event that took place on October 25-29, 2021. GHEW provides key public and private health and information technology stakeholders an opportunity to convene around the country in support of the advancement of health equity and to promote the value and potential of health information and technology to transform the public’s overall health and well-being.

Initiated in 2006 by HIMSS as National Health IT Week, Global Health Equity Week has emerged as the culminating successor given the importance of health equity to our national health improvement agenda. The week serves as a landmark annual occasion for bringing together diverse global policymakers to affect change in the following areas:

1. Maternal Health – 2021 Global Health Equity Network Spotlight
2. Pandemic Response
3. Digital Literacy
4. Digital Health Equity
5. Public Health Data Modernization
6. Telehealth and Broadband Access

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has worked closely with HIMSS and other stakeholder organizations to promote understanding among state policymakers of the contributions of health IT in meeting the quadruple aim for improving health outcomes, the quality and safety of healthcare delivery, containing healthcare costs, and improve the work life of health professionals. Moreover, NCSL applauds HIMSS for elevating the value of health IT in addressing social determinants of health through the annual Global Health Equity Week events. NCSL and other stakeholders recognize the importance of health information technology and data to ensure states become more resilient to public health threats like COVID-19, the opioid crisis, natural disasters, and chronic diseases that greatly affect our most vulnerable communities. NCSL and HIMSS support state actions to leverage health IT and data...
systems to achieve these goals. For instance, broadband access and connected health
often lead to better health outcomes through the adoption of telehealth and digital
decision-making tools essential to empowering people to engage in their own care –
care that is value-based, secure, reliable, and that takes into account the social
determinants that drive improved outcomes and reduced health disparities.
NCSL encourages its members to observe Global Health Equity Week 2022 in
appropriate ways in their respective state capitals as well as in the Nation's Capital.
NCSL also encourages its members to advocate for their respective delegations to the
United States Congress to join in recognizing the benefits of health information and
technology as they act to improve healthcare for all citizens during Global Health Equity
Week and beyond.
WHEREAS, since 1938, a single day each year has been set aside as a national holiday to honor the veterans of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, since 1954, this day has been known as Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, the important purpose of Veterans Day is to pay tribute to America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by military veterans has protected the freedom of our citizens to seek the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day falls next week on Nov. 11, and this is the first Legislative Summit of the National Conference of State Legislatures to occur in proximity to the holiday,

WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislatures has identified more than 900 military veterans who are currently serving as elected state legislators; and

WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislatures recognizes that many military veterans also continue to serve their country as state legislative staff; and

WHEREAS, Veteran legislators and legislative staff represent every branch of the military and the National Guard and bring their training, commitment and leadership skills to state government.
WHEREAS, there are very successful apprenticeship programs in the United States and throughout the world,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The National Conference of State Legislatures:

1. Honors the dedication of these legislators and legislative staff who pursued public service in the states, concurrent with or following military service;

2. Expresses its appreciation for these veterans who are examples of the true meaning of public service; for their patriotism; for their dedication on behalf of fellow veterans, servicemembers and their families; for their accomplishments and contributions in their legislatures and communities; and for their leadership.