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2021 NCSL Legislative Summit
Tampa, Florida

MEMORIAL CALENDAR

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1 **COMMITTEE: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

2 **POLICY: NCSL APPLAUDS GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY**
3 **WEEK, OCTOBER 25-29, 2021**

4 **TYPE OF POLICY: MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

5 Global Health Equity Week 2021, (GHEW) is an annual event that took place on
6 October 25-29, 2021. GHEW provides key public and private health and information
7 technology stakeholders an opportunity to convene around the country in support of the
8 advancement of health equity and to promote the value and potential of health
9 information and technology to transform the public's overall health and well-being.
10 Initiated in 2006 by HIMSS as National Health IT Week, Global Health Equity Week has
11 emerged as the culminating successor given the importance of health equity to our
12 national health improvement agenda. The week serves as a landmark annual occasion
13 for bringing together diverse global policymakers to affect change in the following areas:

- 14 1. Maternal Health – 2021 Global Health Equity Network Spotlight
- 15 2. Pandemic Response
- 16 3. Digital Literacy
- 17 4. Digital Health Equity
- 18 5. Public Health Data Modernization
- 19 6. Telehealth and Broadband Access

20 The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has worked closely with HIMSS
21 and other stakeholder organizations to promote understanding among state
22 policymakers of the contributions of health IT in meeting the quadruple aim for
23 improving health outcomes, the quality and safety of healthcare delivery, containing
24 healthcare costs, and improve the work life of health professionals. Moreover, NCSL
25 applauds HIMSS for elevating the value of health IT in addressing social determinants
26 of health through the annual Global Health Equity Week events. NCSL and other
27 stakeholders recognize the importance of health information technology and data to
28 ensure states become more resilient to public health threats like COVID-19, the opioid
29 crisis, natural disasters, and chronic diseases that greatly affect our most vulnerable
30 communities. NCSL and HIMSS support state actions to leverage health IT and data

31 systems to achieve these goals. For instance, broadband access and connected health
32 often lead to better health outcomes through the adoption of telehealth and digital
33 decision-making tools essential to empowering people to engage in their own care –
34 care that is value-based, secure, reliable, and that takes into account the social
35 determinants that drive improved outcomes and reduced health disparities.
36 NCSL encourages its members to observe Global Health Equity Week 2022 in
37 appropriate ways in their respective state capitals as well as in the Nation's Capital.
38 NCSL also encourages its members to advocate for their respective delegations to the
39 United States Congress to join in recognizing the benefits of health information and
40 technology as they act to improve healthcare for all citizens during Global Health Equity
41 Week and beyond.

1 **COMMITTEE: LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

2 **POLICY: RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION OF**
3 **STATE LEGISLATOR AND LEGISLATIVE STAFF**
4 **VETERANS**

5 **TYPE: RESOLUTION**

6 **WHEREAS**, since 1938, a single day each year has been set aside as a national
7 holiday to honor the veterans of this Nation; and

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

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, The National Conference of State Legislatures has identified more than
22 900 military veterans who are currently serving as elected state legislators; and

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

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27 **WHEREAS**, Veteran legislators and legislative staff represent every branch of the
28 military and the National Guard and bring their training, commitment and leadership
29 skills to state government.

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31 **WHEREAS**, there are very successful apprenticeship programs in the United States
32 and throughout the world,

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

- 36 1. Honors the dedication of these legislators and legislative staff who pursued
37 public service in the states, concurrent with or following military service;
- 38 2. Expresses its appreciation for these veterans who are examples of the true
39 meaning of public service; for their patriotism; for their dedication on behalf of
40 fellow veterans, servicemembers and their families; for their accomplishments
41 and contributions in their legislatures and communities; and for their leadership.