

## **Proclamation**By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama Chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) has a diverse membership spread throughout Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's HIMSS members represent hospitals, managed care organizations, integrated delivery systems and non-profit healthcare organizations, as well as government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Alabama's HIMSS is to promote professional approaches to the development, operation and improvement of healthcare information management systems that benefit the local healthcare community while working collaboratively with the HIMSS National; and

WHEREAS, it is important to highlight the critical importance of secure and efficient information systems to improving the delivery of healthcare in Alabama; 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 Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, health information technology connects doctors and patients to more complete and accurate health records; and

WHEREAS, tools like electronic health records and electronic prescriptions help patients and providers make safer, smarter decisions about health care; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to honor the commitment and service of Alabama HIMSS, clinicians, information technology executives, directors, managers and professionals who work in the state's health care provider institutions, payer organizations, the government, academic centers and supplier and consulting companies during National Health Information Technology Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 8-12, 2018, as

## National Health Information Technology Week

in the State of Alabama.

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Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2018.

Kay Ivey Governor