



Healthcare Security and Safety Week 2015

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International Association for Healthcare Security & Safety

### **Tips for Official Recognition by Your State/Province during Healthcare Security and Safety Week 2015**

Attaining a proclamation from the Governor of your state for Healthcare Security and Safety Week 2015 can be easy and can be done without action from a city council or state legislature.

Here are some tips on how to get a proclamation issued with or without legislative action:

#### **A public official can issue a proclamation without legislative approval. Here's how:**

1. Call the office or visit the website of your Governor and ask how proclamations are issued. The proclamation process could take a few months but many states issue proclamations in sixty days.
2. Try to elicit support for your proclamation from other leaders in your city or state. You can also contact your mayor, city council members, or local and state officials by writing contacting their office, writing letters or by scheduling personal visits. Letters to the governor from local IAHS Chapters and members will demonstrate statewide interest and support of a proclamation.
3. When a proclamation is issued, express your thanks and appreciation. Include the governor or mayor in ceremonies planned for the week. Remember to inform the media about the official attention you have received. Finally, send a letter of appreciation to the official after the week's activities are over.

#### **When legislative action is required to issue proclamations, follow these directions:**

If you need to work through the city council or state legislature, start now. Begin by finding out what the official process is for getting a proclamation issued.

A resolution will need to be sponsored by a member of the appropriate government body. Find someone who is supportive of healthcare security and safety or who has voiced an interest in health care matters.