

Proclamation

by Governor Joe Manchin III

- Whereas,** healthcare delivery can be enhanced by the use of electronic health records and a health information exchange by physicians and other healthcare providers; and,
- Whereas,** patient safety can be improved by physicians and other providers through the use of a health information exchange and electronic health records; and,
- Whereas,** health costs can be reduced by the use of a health information exchange and electronic health records; and,
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Health Information Network and the West Virginia Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration have built a solid foundation for protecting the privacy and security of electronic health information; and,
- Whereas,** many West Virginia citizens, consumers and physicians have assisted the West Virginia Health Information Network and the West Virginia Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration in the areas of patient information security and have played a key role in developing educational tools for both consumers and physicians; and,
- Whereas,** this work results from a 2006 contract between the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration and the United States Department of Health and Human Services;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *December 2008* as:


Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration Month

in the Mountain State and encourage the use of health information technology, particularly health information exchange through the West Virginia Health Information Network, and the further development of West Virginia's privacy and security framework.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.


Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eight, and in the One Hundred Forty-sixth year of the State.





Joe Manchin III
Governor

By the Governor:



Betty Ireland
Secretary of State