

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, telehealth is the use of electronic information and technologies, including videoconferencing, the Internet, store-and-forward imaging, streaming media, and terrestrial and wireless communications, to support long-distance clinical health care, education for patients as well as professionals, public health, and health administration; and

WHEREAS, focusing on coordinated, patient-centered health care, telehealth provides increased access to medical specialists, with consultations typically occurring more conveniently in the office of the primary care provider; and

WHEREAS, in addition to remote clinical health care, telehealth includes patient learning, continuing medical education, provider training, and administrative meetings; and

WHEREAS, telehealth services in the Palmetto State include hospital ICU, acute stroke, pediatric emergency and critical care, general neurology, and infectious disease care; community medical homes with maternal fetal medicine, pre and post-surgery consultation, psychiatry, sickle cell, and nutrition counseling; and innovative portals to care such as home monitoring and consultation, school-based care, and special locations for victims of crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 21 - 25, 2019, as

TELEHEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about telehealth and its valuable contributions to better health care and an improved quality of life for people in the Palmetto State.



HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA