**ACS COT 100th Anniversary**

**State Proclamation Recognition Initiative**

In celebration of the ACS Committee of Trauma’s 100th Anniversary, the COT Advocacy Committee has developed the following Toolkit for COT State Chairs to request official state gubernatorial proclamations as a way for states to officially recognize the role the COT has in each state’s trauma activation system and to continue to build relationships with key state policymakers.

The following resources include steps and recommendations for COT State Chairs can take to request a proclamation from your state’s governor and a template with language for the proclamation.

**Steps to Obtaining a Gubernatorial Proclamation**

* Utilize the prepared ACS COT 100 Proclamation Template. Include information specific to your state such as number of COT verified trauma centers and other COT details specific to the state worth mentioning. The more examples of the COT’s impact on the state the better chance of obtaining the proclamation.
* Coordinate efforts amongst COT members in the state and communicate with ACS state chapters to avoid duplication of efforts and submitting more than one request to a governor’s office.
* Most governors’ websites provide detailed information and resources for requesting a proclamation. Below is a list of website addresses to submit requests.
* Eight states do not have any information on how to request a proclamation. In that case, you can reach out to the governor’s office via the email contact form or calling the office for instructions.
* In addition to submitting a request using the detailed instructions, you can reach out to your state legislator or a state legislator that you have a relationship with to ask for assistance on your request for a governor’s proclamation.
* If you request support from a state legislator, they may offer to submit a legislative resolution. There is nothing wrong with accepting a legislative resolution in addition to requesting a gubernatorial proclamation.

If you need additional assistance contact Christopher Johnson, Manager State Affairs at [cjohnson@facs.org](mailto:cjohnson@facs.org).

**Websites on Requesting a Governor’s Proclamation**

**Alabama** – <https://contact.governor.alabama.gov/contact_procs.aspx>

**Alaska** – <https://aws.state.ak.us/CrmForms/Content/Proclamation-Policy-and-Request-Procedure-2020.pdf>

**Arkansas** – <https://governor.arkansas.gov/online-services/proclamation-request/>

**Arizona** – <https://azgovernor.gov/engage/proclamations>

**California** - <https://www.gov.ca.gov/> - No information on requesting a proclamation on the website.

**Colorado** - <https://www.colorado.gov/governor/proclamations>

**Connecticut** - <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/Contact/Request-a-proclamation>

**Delaware** - <https://governor.delaware.gov/request-proclamation-tribute>

**Florida** - <https://www.flgov.com/proclamations>

**Georgia** - <https://gov.georgia.gov/contact-us/proclamations/proclamation-request>

**Hawaii** - <https://governor.hawaii.gov/contact-us/request-a-proclamation>

**Idaho** - <https://gov.idaho.gov/proclamations/>

**Illinois** - <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/gov/contactus/Pages/Proclamation.aspx>

**Indiana** - <https://www.in.gov/gov/2916.htm>

**Iowa** - <https://governor.iowa.gov/constituent-services/proclamation-request>

**Kansas** - <https://governor.kansas.gov/serving-kansans/constituent_services/proclamation-guidelines/>

**Kentucky** - <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Governor/ProclamationRequestForm>

**Louisiana** - <http://gov.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/form/home/13>

**Maine** - <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/contact/request_proclamation>

**Maryland** - <https://governor.maryland.gov/proclamation-requests/>

**Massachusetts** - <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/request-a-proclamation-from-governor-baker>

**Michigan** - <https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90639---,00.html> - No information on requesting a proclamation on the website.

**Minnesota** - <https://mn.gov/governor/news/proclamationrequest.jsp>

**Mississippi** - <https://governorreeves.ms.gov/> - No information on requesting a proclamation on the website.

**Missouri** - <https://governor.mo.gov/actions/proclamations>

**Montana** - <http://governor.mt.gov/> - No information on requesting a proclamation on the website.

**Nebraska** - <https://governor.nebraska.gov/proclamation-request>

**Nevada** - <http://gov.nv.gov/Forms/Request_a_Proclamation/>

**North Carolina** - <https://governor.nc.gov/request/request-proclamation>

**North Dakota** - <https://www.governor.nd.gov/contact-us> - No information on requesting a proclamation on the website.

**New Hampshire** - <https://new-hampshire.secure.force.com/support/GOV_Proclamation>

**New Jersey** - <https://nj.gov/governor/contact/proclamations>

**New Mexico** - <https://www.governor.state.nm.us/contact-the-governor/requesting-a-proclamation/>

**New York** - <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form> - No information on requesting a proclamation on the website.

**Ohio** - <https://www.governor.ohio.gov/Contact/Contact-the-Governor> - No information on requesting a proclamation on the website.

**Oklahoma** - <https://oklahoma.gov/governor/contact/commendation-or-proclamation.html>

**Oregon** - <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Pages/Proclamation-Request-Guidelines.aspx>

**Pennsylvania** - <https://www.governor.pa.gov/contact/#OnlineForm>

**Rhode Island** - <http://www.governor.ri.gov/contact/> - Proclamation Request listed in “Issue” drop down menu.

**South Carolina** - <https://governor.sc.gov/executive-branch/proclamations>

**South Dakota** - <https://governor.sd.gov/office/executive-proclamation.aspx>

**Tennessee** - <https://www.tn.gov/governor/contact-us/constituent-requests/proclamation-request.html>

**Texas** - <https://gov.texas.gov/apps/contact/assistance.aspx> - No information on requesting a proclamation on the website.

**Utah** - <https://sf.gov.utah.gov/Contact/s/declaration>

**Vermont** - <https://governor.vermont.gov/proclamation-request>

**Virginia** - <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/constituent-services/request-a-proclamation>

**Washington** - <https://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/requests-invites/request-ceremonial-proclamation-greeting-or-letter>

**West Virginia** - <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wv/governor/request-proclamation>

**Wisconsin** - <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Newsroom/Proclamations.aspx>

**Wyoming** - <https://governor.wyo.gov/contact/proclamation-requests>

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and the importance of preventing injury and saving more lives from injury around the globe.

Governor of ***STATE***

XXX, XX 2022

**Governor’s Proclamation**

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and the importance of preventing injury and saving more lives from injury around the globe.

Whereas traumatic injury is the most common cause of death for individuals aged 1-45 years and the cause of nearly 200,000 deaths per year in the U.S.;

Whereas 45 million Americans live more than one hour away from a Level I or Level II trauma center;

Whereas trauma systems are designed to deliver optimal trauma care for injured patients, informed by best evidence and accessible to all injured patients, regardless of circumstance;

Whereas the Committee on Trauma was established by the American College of Surgeons in 1922 to develop and implement programs that support injury prevention and ensure optimal patient outcomes across the continuum of care;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma works to improve the care of injured patients through activities in trauma system evaluation, trauma center verification, trauma quality improvement, and education;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma endeavors to improve care for injured patients by setting standards of care, measuring risk-adjusted patient outcomes, promoting best practices, and driving performance improvement;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma has focused continuously and collaboratively through a public health approach to prevent injuries, with major reductions in the risk of injury, particularly from motor vehicle collisions;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma created the Consultation/Verification Program in 1987 to assist hospitals in the evaluation and improvement of trauma care and provide objective, external review of institutional capabilities and performance;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma has verified ***###*** trauma centers in ***STATE***;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma created the National Trauma Data Bank, the largest aggregation of U.S. trauma registries ever assembled, in 1989, to generate data sets for expanding knowledge in trauma through research;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma created the Trauma Systems Consultation Program in 1996 to review state and regional trauma systems and provide recommendations for system improvement and enhancement;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma created the Trauma Quality Improvement Program in 2008 to elevate the quality of care for trauma patients by collecting data from trauma centers, providing feedback on performance compared to national benchmarks, and identifying institutional characteristics for optimal patient outcomes;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma established the STOP THE BLEED campaign in 2015 to prepare the public to save lives by teaching people three quick actions to control serious bleeding and save lives; and

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma is committed to developing a National Trauma and Emergency Preparedness System that saves more lives from daily injury and mass casualty events by connecting local, state, and regional trauma systems and informing best practice through standards and research;

*Therefore, be It Resolved*, That the State of ***STATE*** recognizes the 100th anniversary of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and its significant contributions to preventing injury and saving lives from injury in ***STATE***, the United States, and around the globe.