

AVA Members Unite in Proclaiming October 5th the Official Vascular Access Specialty day!

Did you know that you can petition to have your local city, county or state government agencies declare a day in our honor? The member engagement committee is encouraging its AVA members to make local proclamations for our inaugural Vascular Access Specialty Day. Below are instructions on how you can do this in your area. Feel free to use the example proclamation in your petition.

Example Proclamation

WHEREAS, October 5th, 2019, marks the First Annual Vascular Access Specialty Day, organized to promote the advancement of the specialty of Vascular Access; and

WHEREAS, October 5th is chosen as the official day which commemorates the birthday of Suzanne Herbst, RN, founder of the Association for Vascular Access (originally BAVAN) in 1985 to support and promote the specialty of vascular access; and

WHEREAS, greater than 90% of patients admitted to hospitals require some form of vascular access to receive life saving treatments; and

WHEREAS, vascular access needs transition through the continuum of care as in outpatient settings, skilled nursing facilities and home infusion; and

WHEREAS, the Vascular Access Specialist is educated and experienced in the specialty, providing exceptional vascular access insertion, care and maintenance with the objective of promoting an optimal, proactive and intentional approach to preserve vasculature, improve clinical outcomes, enhance patient safety and educate all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, clinicians who specialize and are certified in Vascular Access (VA-BC™) are an integral part of healthcare teams and keep patients safe from catheter complications, improve patient comfort and satisfaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, I _____, Mayor of the _____, hereby do proclaim Saturday, October 5th, 2019 as

"VASCULAR ACCESS SPECIALTY DAY"

throughout [city or state name] and encourage all of our residents to recognize VASCULAR ACCESS SPECIALISTS for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in healthcare as a critical part of the healthcare team.

in the City _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City _____ to be affixed this 5th day of October 2019.

How to go about making a proclamation

City, county and state government offices issue official proclamations all have the same format.

1) Google search “Proclamation from XXXXXXXXXX” where the XXXX are your city, county, and state government office, for example, “proclamation from the city of Orlando.”

2) Choose the website page link that pertains to your request. There may be a sample available on the Google search page or linked website page as well.

2) Use the templates provided to create what you want your proclamation to say. You may have to upload it as a Microsoft Word document or .pdf file, or they may ask you to input the information into an online form in which case, you can copy and paste from a document.

4) The steps should be spelled out for you on the website page, be careful to follow the steps correctly, as any missed steps or incorrect information could delay or cause your proclamation not to be issued. Upload your completed document or complete the online forms they request, you may need to cut and paste from your document into their form.

5) Complete the online request 4-6 weeks or more in advance of the date you want the proclamation for, so for VA Specialty day, no later than September 5, and in August is better. The more lead time you can give the government agency, the better.

6) It is OK to apply for more than one proclamation, go to your city, county AND state sites to request.

7) There may be an option to have a government official come to present the proclamation at a meeting, look for that on the same submission page.

8) The proclamation is only for a single date. You will need to request it again for following years.

Good luck and be sure to post on the AVA social media pages when you receive your official proclamation!