

Telehealth Awareness Week to be Recognized September 18- 24

The Wyoming Telehealth Network (WyTN) is pleased to announce that it is an Endorsing Partner of the American Telemedicine Association's 2022 Telehealth Awareness Week, September 18 - 24, 2022. On September 15, 2022, Governor Mark Gordon signed a formal proclamation endorsing Wyoming's participation in this week, highlighting the benefits of telehealth as a private, effective, and convenient way to access healthcare.

The Wyoming Telehealth Network is a collaboration between the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, a department in the College of Health Sciences at the University of Wyoming, and healthcare advocates across the state. In collaboration with the Wyoming Department of Health, the network is committed to promoting telehealth to address many of the rural healthcare challenges faced across the state, including access to mental healthcare and specialty care, long travel times, weather, and travel expenses.

The governor also honored this year's awardee of the first annual Dr. James Bush Award for Excellence in Telehealth. The award was proudly supported by the University of Wyoming College of Health Sciences, the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, the Wyoming Telehealth Network program and the Wyoming Telehealth Consortium. As part of Telehealth Awareness Week activities, organizers established the Dr. James Bush Award for Excellence in Telehealth, and presented its first award to Kevin Smith, Telehealth Manager at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. Smith is a UW alum and has accomplished outstanding work as an innovator in the field of telehealth, including helping to remove barriers to implementation and adoption. The new

award's namesake, Dr. James Bush, is the state Medicaid and Medical Director and a tireless advocate for expanding healthcare for Wyomingites through telehealth.

During Telehealth Awareness Week, take the time to learn more about what telehealth can do for you. Visit wyomingtelehealth.org for more information.