

# Updates on Central Service Week Action Alert & Proclamations




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For those who missed the 2019 IAHCSSM Annual Conference & Expo in Anaheim, California, or did not attend my legislative session, it was announced that IAHCSSM would be giving away five free registrations to the 2020 IAHCSSM Annual Conference & Expo in Chicago, Illinois. The only eligibility requirement for the drawing was to participate in a single email action alert.

I am pleased to announce the outcome of our email action alert:

- 775 members sent letters to elected officials. This is a significant increase over the 507 members who sent letters to elected officials in 2018.
- In all, 5,288 messages were generated to elected officials and 2,087 different elected officials received the email.

As of mid-November, 14 state proclamations were received from governors and we expect to receive even more. One state senator, Jim Perry from North Carolina, posted an October 17 message on his Facebook page in honor of Central Service Week.

Many thanks to everyone who participated! 

## Update on the Professional Certification Coalition

IAHCSSM is one of 115 organizations that belongs to the Professional Certification Coalition. There is legislation in Pennsylvania that would require the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs to promulgate regulations for each of the licensing and certification boards to develop a list of crimes that would likely exclude an individual from registration, certification or licensure. The new process for consideration of criminal records for licensure and certification will only impact boards and commissions under the Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs in the Department of State. This legislation will not affect private certification organizations. This legislation will also not impact our certification legislation as our legislation will not fall under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in the Department of State.



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