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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize October 16-20, 2017 as "Certified Medical Assistants' Week" in the state of Montana.

Certified Medical Assistants (CMAs) are medical assistants who meet the rigorous accreditation standards set by the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). After completing a formal medical assisting program at an accredited institution, CMA students must pass a certification exam administered by the AAMA. Once certified, CMAs provide a wide variety of services essential to the operation of physicians' offices, clinics, and other healthcare facilities. CMAs are multiskilled health professionals who fulfill their duties with skill and dedication, and play a key role in successful relationships between patients and physicians.

Montana is the proud home to two AAMA-accredited CMA programs: Great Falls College Montana State University and Flathead Valley Community College. I commend the excellent work of these programs as they prepare Montana's students to become exceptional CMAs, who work to ensure the health of Montanans of all ages.

I encourage all Montanans to acknowledge October 16-20 as "Certified Medical Assistants' Week."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bullock", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor