

Governor Kaine Rejects VCA Request for Chiropractic Month Proclamation

On September 14th, then VCA president Dr. Scott Cypher sent a letter to Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine announcing the inaugural observance of October as National Chiropractic Month across the nation. In his letter, Dr. Cypher pointed out government statistics regarding the safety and cost-effectiveness of programs that address health and wellness, and how doctors of chiropractic are “leading the charge to promote a safe and healthy working environment by providing information and advice about occupational health and safety.” He encouraged Governor Kaine to issue a proclamation declaring October as National Chiropractic Month in Virginia.

“The campaign is reaching millions of Americans with important preventative health messages through a grassroots network of local doctors and chiropractic organizations,” Cypher explained. “Your support will send a clear message to the citizens of Virginia that good health, especially in the workplace, is important to them, their families and their communities.”

On November 6th, the VCA office received a reply from Marc W. Cheatham, Director of Constituent Services in Governor Kaine’s office. In his reply, Mr. Cheatham states that “While we both recognize and appreciate your efforts to raise public awareness of the important work that chiropractors perform for the citizens of the Commonwealth, we regret that we were unable to honor your request.” He continued to invite the VCA to submit another request at a later date and to commend Dr. Cypher for his “sense of civic duty.” It is interesting to note that he addressed the letter to “Mr.” Scott B. Cypher, rather than “Dr.”

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