

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed the Palm Beach County Health Care Act (Chapter 87-450) on July 11, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Act recognized that "...it is in the public interest to provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of Palm Beach County and to maximize the health and well-being of Palm Beach County residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding, and coordination of health care service delivery"; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Palm Beach County approved the Act in a referendum on November 8, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners adopted a work plan to implement the District effective October 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care District's current safety-net programs include the nationally-recognized Trauma System, school health clinics with dedicated nurses in nearly 170 public schools, the Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, several health coverage programs for uninsured residents, and a Pharmacy operation; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care District operates Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade, an acute-care, all-private room facility accredited by The Joint Commission which opened its doors in 2009 and two years later began a Family Medicine Residency Program that focuses on the special health needs of the residents of this rural, agricultural region; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care District operates the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers located in Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Jupiter, Lake Worth, Lantana and West Palm Beach that provide quality adult and pediatric medical and dental care to all patients with or without insurance, as well as a Mobile Health Clinic that provides medical and mental health services to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care District has provided funding over the past three decades to federal, state and local health initiatives and agencies; and

WHEREAS, today the Health Care District has matured into a diverse health care system that each year provides life-saving care to more than 4,200 severely injured trauma patients, extends health coverage to over 9,600 uninsured county residents, tends to more than 174,000 students who make over 626,000 visits to the public school clinics, provides students with over 88,600 vision and hearing screenings, treats residents who make over 23,200 visits to the Emergency Room at Lakeside Medical Center, dispenses over 281,000 pharmacy prescriptions, and enables more than 45,400 clinic patients to receive primary care, dental and behavioral health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2018 as the:

Thirtieth Anniversary of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 11th day of December 2018.

SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR