



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
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A PROCLAMATION OF THE HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RECOGNIZE THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HEALTH CARE DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

Recommended Action:

Motion to proclaim November 8, 2018 as the 30th Anniversary of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County.

Background:

The Florida Legislature passed the Palm Beach County Health Care Act (Chapter 87-450) on July 11, 1987. 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. The voters of Palm Beach County approved the Act in a referendum on November 8, 1988

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.