

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 214

BY SENATOR MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 16, 2018, as "LPCA Day" at the legislature and to commend LPCA and Louisiana's Community Health Centers for their continued commitment to providing high-quality, cost-effective healthcare to underserved rural and urban communities in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA), established in 1982, is a membership organization of thirty-five Community Health Centers and their supporters committed to the goal of achieving healthcare access for all Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, LPCA is governed by a six-person executive committee, a thirty-six-person board of directors, and staffed by sixteen employees; and

WHEREAS, these community-based health centers operate over 250 sites throughout the state and serve nearly 385,000 patients a year through 1,409,006 visits; and

WHEREAS, LPCA is the leading membership organization stressing the importance of healthcare access as the foundation to building healthcare communities and promoting affordable, quality primary care services to the uninsured and medically underserved populations in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, through providing innovative and cost-efficient care, LPCA and Louisiana's Community Health Centers have the ability to maintain the highest standard in quality and patient satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, this network of providers has a \$567 million economic impact in Louisiana, creating 4,682 jobs in our state consisting of 128 physicians, 814 nurses, 162 mental health professionals, 186 mid-level providers, and 241 dental specialists; and

WHEREAS, this FQHC model of care delivery has led to \$922 million in savings to the healthcare system and \$436 million savings to Medicaid as well as generated \$70 million in local, state, and federal tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Centers emphasize wellness and preventative care offering screening for cervical and colorectal cancer, weight assessment and screening, tobacco cessation, and immunizations; and

WHEREAS, a special emphasis is also placed on offering comprehensive care management of chronic disease such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, asthma, hypertension, and obesity; and

WHEREAS, representing health centers, LPCA partners with over twenty-five statewide and national organizations and collaborates on dozens of projects and grant opportunities; and

WHEREAS, these healthcare facilities are woven deeply into the fabric of their communities and participate in outreach and communication efforts striving to eliminate the disparities in care associated with patient race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) and its community health center members for over thirty-five years of providing care to Louisiana citizens and does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 16, 2018, as "LPCA Day" at the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE