

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 17, 2019, as Louisiana Primary Care Association Day at the state capitol and to commend the Louisiana Primary Care Association for more than three decades of service to the citizens of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Primary Care Association, or LPCA, was established as a non-profit organization and as the trade association for all of the Federally Qualified Health Centers, or FQHC's, throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA provides primary care services, including services pertaining to dental care and behavioral health, to uninsured and underserved populations throughout the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA stresses the importance of healthcare access; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA is a membership organization of thirty-six community health centers that operate over two hundred sixty sites throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA is governed by a six-person executive committee and a thirty-six person board of directors, and is staffed by sixteen employees, all of whom are committed to the goal of providing healthcare access to all Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, the LPCA's community-based health centers have delivered healthcare to over 460,000 patients in over 1.5 million visits; and

WHEREAS, while providing innovative and cost-efficient care, Louisiana's community health centers maintain the highest standards in quality and patient satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA's network of providers exerts a tremendous economic impact on the state, and has created more than five thousand jobs, generated \$86 million in tax revenue, and has produced \$352 million in direct spending; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA's use of the FQHC model has led to \$801 million in savings to the healthcare system and \$584 million in savings to Medicaid, and has generated \$70 million in local, state, and federal tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA's community health centers emphasize wellness and preventative care and offer screening for cervical and colorectal cancer, weight assessment and screening, tobacco cessation programs, and immunizations; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA also places a special emphasis on offering comprehensive care and management of chronic diseases; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 17, 2019, as Louisiana Primary Care Association Day at the state capitol and hereby commends the Louisiana Primary Care Association for more than three decades of service to the citizens of Louisiana.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES