Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed the Palm Beach County Health Care Act on July 11, 1987, and the voters of Palm Beach County approved the Act 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 operates the county’s only public hospital, Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade, a 70-bed, 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 35,000 residents of the Glades area; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care District operates the C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers located in Lantana, West Palm Beach, Delray Beach and Belle Glade, that provide quality adult and pediatric medical care to all patients regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care District has provided funding to federal, state and local health initiatives and agencies, including Medicaid Match, Low Income Pool Program, Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County, Florida Healthy Kids, Children’s Services Council, Children’s Behavioral Health Program, Palm Beach State College Nursing Program, Palm Beach County Medical Society’s Project Access, Florida Community Health Centers, Genesis Community Health, FoundCare, Ryan White, Glades Health Initiative, Caridad Center, Comprehensive AIDS Program and Compass, Pahokee Clinic, Glades Healthcare Foundations, and Emergency Department Management Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve B. Wilson, Mayor of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, do hereby extend congratulations upon November 8, 2013 being the 25th anniversary of

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County

SIGNED AND PROCLAIMED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Steve B. Wilson, Mayor

Debra R. Buff, MMC, City Clerk