## PROCLAMATION

## OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA



## RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HEALTH CARE DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed the Palm Beach County Health Care Act in 1987, and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners implemented the Health Care District in October 1989, and;

WHEREAS, the act recognizes the need to provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents and comprehensive planning, funding and coordination of health care services, and;

WHEREAS, the Health Care District's current programs include a nationally recognized trauma system, school health clinics with nurses in nearly 170 public schools, the Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, several health coverage programs for uninsured residents and a pharmacy, and;

WHEREAS, the Health Care District operates the county's only public hospital, Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade, an all-private room facility that focuses on the special health needs of the 35,000 residents of this rural, agricultural region, and;

WHEREAS, the Health Care District also operates health centers in Lantana, West Palm Beach, Delray Beach and Belle Glade that provide quality adult and pediatric medical care to patients regardless of their ability to pay, and;

WHEREAS, the Health Care District provides funding to federal, state and local health initiatives and agencies, and;

WHEREAS, the Health Care District provides life-saving care to severely injured trauma patients, extends health coverage to uninsured county residents, enables uninsured expectant mothers to receive services, tends to students who visit to the public school clinics, and provides vision and hearing tests, and;

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners recognizes the dedicated staff of the Health Care District and the many volunteers who serve on the Health Care District's Board of Commissioners, subsidiary boards and committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, assembled in regular session this 14th day of Jamuary 2014, hereby recognizes the

## 25th Anniversary of the Health Care District of Falm Beach County

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this proclamation is duly sealed, ribboned and executed by the members of this Board. The foregoing proclamation was sponsored by Commissioner Hal R. Valeche, and upon unanimous consent of the Board, the Mayor declared the proclamation duly enacted.

ATTEST: Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

Mayor Priscilla A. Taylor

Vice Mayor Paulette Burdick

Commissioner Shelley Vana

Commissioner Steven L. Abrams

Commissioner Mary Lou Berger Commissioner Jess R. Stantam mila

As and Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida