



PROCLAMATION 2020P-002

A PROCLAMATION OF THE HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RECOGNIZE THE PALM BEACH COUNTY TRAUMA SYSTEM AND TO COMMEND THE MANY DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS WHOSE WORK SAVES LIVES.

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Trauma System, which is overseen and funded by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, has provided lifesaving, rapid-response care to residents and visitors who suffer serious traumatic injuries for 29 years; and

WHEREAS, the Trauma System treated more than 4,600 trauma patients last year and over 81,000 trauma patients since inception on May 1st, 1991; and

WHEREAS, trauma is the leading cause of death among Americans between 1 and 45 years old; and

WHEREAS, the integrated Trauma System provides access to specialized trauma services to all seriously injured in Palm Beach County within an average of 20 minutes of injury; and

WHEREAS, rapid and safe transport, comprehensive and immediate treatment, and early rehabilitation of trauma patients reduce the physical, emotional, and financial costs of traumatic injuries; and

WHEREAS, the success of Palm Beach County's integrated emergency-response system is the result of close collaboration between dedicated partners who are committed to saving lives; and

WHEREAS, trauma physicians, specialists, nurses, and other staff at the two Level I Trauma Centers - St. Mary's Medical Center and Delray Medical Center - and their associated rehabilitation centers are dedicated to ensuring that trauma victims receive lifesaving care; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue along with 11 other public and private EMS providers support the pre-hospital component of initial trauma care with dedicated nurses, paramedics, EMTs, 911 communications and dispatch staff, and emergency staff; and

WHEREAS, the Trauma Hawk aeromedical team conducted safe, expedited transfers of 378 trauma patients from the scene and between hospitals in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Health Care District's Trauma Agency continuously monitors trauma quality and provides clinical coordination of the entire Trauma System; and

WHEREAS, the Trauma Agency staff conducts outreach programs – an integral part of the county's trauma system – that provide community education about injury prevention, which is a proven approach to reducing death and disability and saving lives; and

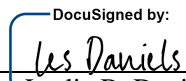
WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Trauma System is a mature, integrated system that meets or exceeds Florida trauma regulations; and

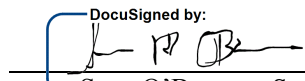
WHEREAS, the American Trauma Society has declared May 2020 as National Trauma Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Distraacted to Death: Pay Attention or Pay the Price," promotes driving safety, prevention and resources that include the "Stop the Bleed" campaign to empower communities to help save lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 9th day of June 2020, the HEALTH CARE DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the community, does hereby express its appreciation of the dedicated professionals who serve the Palm Beach County Trauma System.

Upon call of a vote, the Chair thereupon declared the proclamation duly passed and adopted on this 9th day of June 2020.

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Leslie B. Daniels, Chair

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Sean O'Bannon, Secretary