

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 17, 2019, as Louisiana Primary Care Association Day at the state capitol and commends LPCA

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DIGEST

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