

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To designate April 17, 2019, as "Louisiana Primary Care Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, established in 1982, the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) promotes accessible and affordable quality healthcare services for the uninsured and medically underserved populations in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA is a member organization of Louisiana's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), more commonly referred to as "community health centers", that supports these healthcare providers and is committed to the goal of achieving healthcare access for all; and

WHEREAS, LPCA represents thirty-six federally funded community healthcare organizations, across the state; and

WHEREAS, LPCA organizations operate over two hundred sixty individual sites and serve over four hundred sixty thousand patients annually; and

WHEREAS, LPCA is the leading statewide advocacy group that represents the interests of these healthcare sites; and

WHEREAS, headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, LPCA supports Louisiana's network of community health centers and, on their behalf, seeks to influence state healthcare policy to ensure the viability of these centers that serve as a safety net for Louisiana's healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Primary Care Association promotes community-based healthcare through advocacy, education, and collaboration to ensure access for all to quality healthcare throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the LPCA provides a wide range of support services to the FQHCs it supports in the following categories: community development, data analysis, technical assistance and training, workforce development, practice management, board governance training, marketing and community outreach, governmental relations, health information management, clinical quality and performance improvement, and emergency preparedness assistance, all vital supports for member centers; and

WHEREAS, LPCA's efforts are aimed at ensuring that community health centers remain viable as an important part of healthcare delivery in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, throughout the country, FQHCs have been providing primary care, dental, and mental health services to the nation's most underserved communities and with the support in Louisiana of LPCA have remained a vital provider of these services; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Primary Care Association is the leading statewide advocacy organization in support of community health centers and works tirelessly to stress the importance of healthcare access as the foundation to building healthier communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 17, 2019, as "Louisiana Primary Care Association Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE