

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 214

BY SENATOR MILLS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates May 16, 2018, as LPCA Day at the legislature and commends the LPCA and the state's community health centers for their continued commitment to promoting access to high quality primary healthcare in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, May 16, 2018, as "LPCA Day" at the legislature and to commend  
3 LPCA and Louisiana's Community Health Centers for their continued commitment  
4 to providing high-quality, cost-effective healthcare to underserved rural and urban  
5 communities in Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA), established in 1982,  
7 is a membership organization of thirty-five Community Health Centers and their supporters  
8 committed to the goal of achieving healthcare access to all Louisiana citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, LPCA is governed by a six-person executive committee, a  
10 thirty-six-person board of directors, and staffed by sixteen employees; and

11 WHEREAS, these community-based health centers operate over 250 sites throughout  
12 the state and serve nearly 385,000 patients a year through 1,409,006 visits; and

13 WHEREAS, LPCA is the leading membership organization stressing the importance  
14 of healthcare access as the foundation to building healthcare communities and promoting  
15 affordable, quality primary care services to the uninsured and medically underserved  
16 populations in Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, through providing innovative and cost-efficient care LPCA Louisiana's  
18 Community Health Centers have the ability to maintain the highest standard in quality and

1 patient satisfaction; and

2 WHEREAS, this network of providers has a \$567 million economic impact in  
3 Louisiana, creating 4,682 jobs in our state consisting of 128 physicians, 814 nurses, 162  
4 mental health professionals, 186 mid-level providers, and 241 dental specialists; and

5 WHEREAS, this FQHC model of care delivery has led to \$922 million in savings  
6 to the healthcare system and \$436 million savings to Medicaid as well as generated \$70  
7 million in local, state, and federal tax revenues; and

8 WHEREAS, the Community Health Centers emphasize wellness and preventative  
9 care offering screening for cervical and colorectal cancer, weight assessment and screening,  
10 tobacco cessation, and immunizations; and

11 WHEREAS, a special emphasis is also placed on offering comprehensive care  
12 management of chronic disease such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, asthma,  
13 hypertension, and obesity; and

14 WHEREAS, representing health centers, LPCA partners with over twenty-five  
15 statewide and national organizations and collaborates on dozens of projects and grant  
16 opportunities; and

17 WHEREAS, these healthcare facilities are woven deeply into the fabric of their  
18 communities and participate in outreach and communication efforts striving to eliminate the  
19 disparities in care associated with patient race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
21 does hereby commend the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) and its community  
22 health center members for over thirty-five years of providing care to Louisiana citizens and  
23 does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 16, 2018, as "LPCA Day" at the Legislature.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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Commends the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) and its community health center members for over 35 years of providing care to Louisiana citizens and recognizes Wednesday, May 16, 2018, as LPCA Day at the Legislature.