

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 27-April 2, 2017, as  
"Health Information Technology Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida is providing its residents with access to  
the highest quality of care by allowing participating health  
care providers to share information safely, securely, and in  
real time, thereby connecting doctors and patients to more  
complete and accurate health records, and

WHEREAS, comprehensive health care reform is not possible  
without systemwide adoption of health information technology,  
which improves the quality of health care delivery, increases  
patient safety, decreases the number of medical errors, controls  
costs, strengthens the interaction between patients and health  
care providers, and expands access to care, and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems  
Society (HIMSS) is a nonprofit organization of volunteers,  
including more than 3,300 members in Florida, who are committed  
to engaging health care providers and state legislators in  
aligning efforts to adopt policies in support of the optimal use  
of health information technology, and

WHEREAS, Florida is recognized by HIMSS as having 10  
hospitals and 12 ambulatory facilities that have attained a  
Stage 7 ranking under the Electronic Medical Record Adoption  
Model, the highest possible ranking, which indicates that a  
health system has an advanced electronic patient record  
environment, and

WHEREAS, as of February 9, 2017, more than 210 Florida  
hospitals are participating in the Florida Health Information

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30 Exchange Event Notification Service, providing alerts to health  
31 plans and accountable care organizations to foster improved  
32 continuity of care for more than 1 million patients, and

33 WHEREAS, since January 2011, more than 28,008 eligible  
34 hospitals and professionals in this state have participated in  
35 the Electronic Health Record Incentive Program by adopting and  
36 effectively using certified electronic health record technology,  
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Florida is proud to honor the commitment and  
39 service of the clinicians, information technology executives,  
40 directors, and managers who work in the state's health care  
41 provider institutions, payer organizations, the military and  
42 other branches of government, academic centers, and supplier and  
43 consulting companies, and

44 WHEREAS, since 2006, states and organizations across the  
45 nation have united to support Health Information Technology Week  
46 to raise public awareness of the benefits of improved quality  
47 and cost efficiency in the health care system which the  
48 implementation of health information technology is achieving,  
49 NOW, THEREFORE,

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51 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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53 That March 27-April 2, 2017, is recognized as "Health  
54 Information Technology Week" in Florida.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
56 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Healthcare  
57 Information and Management Systems Society as a tangible token  
58 of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.