

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Resolution

A resolution designating the week of April 7-13, 2014,  
as "Health Information Technology Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, health information technology and management systems have been recognized as essential tools for improving the quality of patient care, ensuring patient safety, eliminating duplicative tests and paperwork, and reducing health care costs, and

WHEREAS, health information technology connects physicians and patients to more complete and accurate health records, and

WHEREAS, Florida has made a commitment to realizing the benefits of health information technology, including supporting the adoption of electronic health records that will help to reduce costs and improve quality while ensuring the privacy of patients, and

WHEREAS, aligning the use of electronic health records with other reporting efforts is critical to improving clinical outcomes for patients, controlling costs, and expanding access to care through the use of technology, and

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

WHEREAS, since 2006, organizations across the country have united to support Health Information Technology Week and to expand public awareness of the benefits of the implementation of

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30 health information technology, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 Information Technology Week" in Florida.