

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing January 25-31, 2016, 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 2,980 members in this state, 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 7
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 October 2015, more than 200 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 27,200 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 that the
48 implementation of health information technology could achieve,
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 January 25-31, 2016, 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.