

By Senator Harrell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 21-27, 2019, as "Health Information Technology Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, using the latest technology, health care providers in this state share information safely, securely, and in real time, thereby connecting doctors and patients to more complete and accurate health records, which affords residents of this state access to the highest quality of health care, and

WHEREAS, comprehensive health care reform is not possible without the 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 4,291 members in this state, who are committed to the adoption of policies in support of the optimal use of health information technology, and

WHEREAS, HIMSS recognizes 14 hospitals and more than 12 ambulatory facilities in this state as having 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, more than 255 hospitals in this state are participating in the Florida Health Information Exchange Event Notification Service, providing more than 1.1 million

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30 notifications per month to clinics, physicians, health plans,
31 accountable care organizations, and other health care
32 organizations in this state to foster improved continuity of
33 care and care coordination for more than 8.2 million patients in
34 this state, and

35 WHEREAS, since January 2011, more than 29,100 eligible
36 hospitals and professionals in this state have participated in
37 the Electronic Health Record Incentive Program by adopting and
38 effectively using certified electronic health record technology,
39 and

40 WHEREAS, Health Information Technology Week honors the
41 commitment and service of the clinicians, information technology
42 executives, directors, and managers who work in this state's
43 health care provider institutions, payer organizations, the
44 military and other branches of government, academic centers, and
45 supplier and consulting companies, and

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

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

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55 That April 21-27, 2019, is recognized as "Health
56 Information Technology Week" in Florida.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
58 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to representatives

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59 of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society as
60 a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.