

By Senator Bean

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation.

WHEREAS, the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, a nonprofit organization created by the Florida Legislature in 1990, has operated successfully for 30 years to ensure all children have access to affordable, comprehensive, and quality health and dental care, and

WHEREAS, Florida Healthy Kids existed before the national Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which was signed into law in 1997, and was grandfathered into the CHIP legislation by the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, Florida Healthy Kids is governed by a dedicated board of directors composed of top officials of state agencies responsible for the welfare of children, as well as physicians, dentists, and other experts on children's health policy and medical care, and

WHEREAS, Florida Healthy Kids has successfully fulfilled its statutory duties of managing children's health and dental plans and associated administrative functions, including insurer procurement and management, eligibility determination and enrollment, compliance, fiscal administration, reporting, and related customer services, and

WHEREAS, Florida Healthy Kids is responsible for the marketing of Florida KidCare, the umbrella brand for the four government-sponsored health insurance programs serving children including Medicaid for children, MediKids, Florida Healthy Kids, and the Children's Medical Services Managed Care Plan, and

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30 WHEREAS, Florida Healthy Kids creates affordable subsidized  
31 and full-pay plans for children from 5 years of age through 18  
32 years of age, with affordable subsidized premiums for children  
33 in lower-income families, and affordable nonsubsidized coverage  
34 for any child in this state in a family with income that exceeds  
35 a certain income threshold, and

36 WHEREAS, Florida Healthy Kids successfully engages key  
37 stakeholders in this state, including community organizations,  
38 hospitals, health care clinics, and school districts, to  
39 consistently fulfill its mission to actively increase the number  
40 of insured kids by developing child-centered health plans and  
41 connecting families to coverage, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation is recognized for  
46 its 30 years of resolute dedication to increasing access to  
47 comprehensive, affordable, and quality health care services to  
48 improve the health of Florida's children and reduce the  
49 incidence and costs of childhood illnesses and disabilities  
50 among children in our state.