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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In times of disaster, including during a hurricane, tornado, flood, or public health epidemic, individuals may need to seek medical care in shelters and other places where their medical information is not readily available; in addition, a large-scale disaster may temporarily force hospitals and medical offices to close, limiting access to medical records from those facilities; and

WHEREAS, If a patient needs to replace his or her medications, health care workers can serve them most efficiently when up-to-date medical information is provided, and a current list of a patient's immunizations can also prevent them from receiving redundant vaccinations when vaccine supplies are limited; and

WHEREAS, In undertaking advance planning for emergencies, individuals should obtain a summary of their medical record history, which can often be accessed through an online portal managed by their health care provider; these records should include a patient's current allergies and medications, immunizations, medical issues, recent hospitalizations and relevant lab results, contact information for primary care and sub-specialty physicians, and other key data, such as a list of special medical equipment or supplies; and

WHEREAS, A few small steps can make an important difference in adequately coping with emergencies, and the observance of Texans Medical Record Checkup Day on May 1 reminds all state residents to ensure that they and their loved ones are prepared with comprehensive health care information in the event of a major disaster; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate May 1 as Texans Medical Record Checkup Day and encourage all Texans to have access to or possession of an accurate summary of their medical records as part of their disaster preparedness plan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date that this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.