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H.C.R. No. 143

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, A few small steps can make an important difference
23 in adequately coping with emergencies, and the observance of Texans
24 Medical Record Checkup Day on May 1 reminds all state residents to

1 ensure that they and their loved ones are prepared with
2 comprehensive health care information in the event of a major
3 disaster; now, therefore, be it

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

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