

PROCLAMATION
**DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021
AS PREMATURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, in Palm Beach County during 2020, there were 1,335 premature births, or 9.5 percent of all births, a decrease from 10.5 percent in 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the percentage of premature births decreased among all racial and ethnic groups except Black non-Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, in Florida during 2020, there were 21,917 premature births, or 10.4 percent which was a decrease from 10.6 percent in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the decrease in the percentage of pre-term births in Palm Beach County is a full percentage point lower than 2019, and statewide percentage also dropped by 0.2 percentage points from the year earlier; and

WHEREAS, on average, the medical cost to care for a premature baby is about \$49,000 – more than 10 times higher than that of a full-term healthy baby; and

WHEREAS, babies born too early and too small are at risk for life-long health complications that can impact their growth, development, social-emotional health and academic success; and

WHEREAS, Children’s Services Council funds programs that target healthy births, such as the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Entry Agency, Prenatal Plus, Nurses Supporting Families, Nurse-Family Partnership, WHIN Nurses (Women’s Health Initiative), CenteringPregnancy and Community Voice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the month of November 2021 in Palm Beach County is hereby declared as:

PREMATURITY AWARENESS MONTH

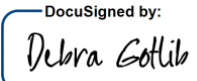
The foregoing Resolution was offered by Council Member Debra Robinson, M.D., who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Michael J. Burke, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Thomas Bean	YES
Mike Burke	YES
Elisa Cramer	Virtual
Vincent Goodman	ABSENT
Kathleen Kroll	YES
Jose Luis Rodriguez, Esq.	YES
Maria Sachs	ABSENT
Debra Robinson, M.D.	YES
Thomas P. Weber	YES

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 28th day of October, 2021.


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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY


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Thomas Bean, Chair

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Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer