

# PROCLAMATION

## Declaring the Month of November 2020 As Prematurity Awareness Month

WHEREAS, in Palm Beach County during 2019, there were 1,541 premature births, or 10.5 percent of all births, an increase from 9.7 percent in 2018; and,

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

WHEREAS, in Florida during 2019, there were 23,345 premature births, or 10.6 percent which was an increase from 10.2 percent in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the increase in the percentage of pre-term births in Palm Beach County and statewide last year makes the county percentage the highest since 2011 and the state percentage the highest since 2008; and

WHEREAS, on average, the medical cost to care for a premature baby is nearly \$50,000, 12 times more than that of a 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, Nurse Supporting Families, Nurse-Family Partnership, WHIN Nurses (Women's Health Initiative), Centering Pregnancy and Community Voice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, assembled in regular session this 22<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020, that the month of November 2020, in Palm Beach County, is hereby declared as:

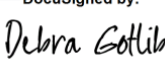
### November 2020 - Prematurity Awareness Month

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Council Member Debra Robinson, M.D. who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kathleen Kroll.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL  
SUFFICIENCY

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