PROCLAMATION

OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAMING NOVEMBER, 2018 AS PREMATURE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, in Palm Beach County during 2017, there were 1,410 premature births, a rate of 9.4 percent of all births, an increase from 9.2 percent in 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the rate of premature births increased among most racial and ethnic groups, except among Hispanics and women of other races; and

WHEREAS, in Florida during 2017, there were 22,836 premature births, a rate of 10.2 percent and also an increase from 10.1 percent in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the small increase in the percentage of pre-term births in Palm Beach County last year makes the rate the second-highest in the past five years, while the small increase statewide pushes Florida’s rate to the highest in the past five years; 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, Healthy Beginnings Nurses, CenteringPregnancy and Community Voice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY that the following will be observed:

November 2018 – Prematurity Awareness Month

The foregoing Proclamation was offered by Council Member ________________________ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member ________________________ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Thomas Bean
Paulette Burdick
Donald E. Fennoy, II. Ed.D.
Vincent Goodman
Thomas E. Lynch
James Martz
Vern Melvin
Debra Robinson, M.D.
Jose Luis Rodriguez, Esq.
Thomas P. Weber

The Chairman thereupon declared the Proclamation duly passed and adopted this 25th day of October, 2018.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: ________________________
Thomas A. Sheehan, III
Attorney for Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County

CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

BY: ________________________
Thomas P. Weber, Chair

BY: ________________________
Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer