

RESOLUTION R-13-032

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMENDING BLAKE MEDICAL CENTER FOR ITS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTING THE VERIFICATION OF THE PROVISIONAL LEVEL II TRAUMA CENTER AT BLAKE MEDICAL CENTER.

**WHEREAS**, the Provisional Level II Trauma Center at Blake Medical Center has treated 1122 trauma patients since opening in November 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, getting patients to a trauma center as quickly as possible after an injury is critical in terms of outcomes. Survival chances are greatest when trauma care is received within 60 minutes of injury and they increase by 25% when a trauma patient receives care in a trauma center. Today, only 2 in 5 trauma patients receive care in a trauma center in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, trauma is the leading cause of death among Floridians ages 1 through 44 and Blake Medical Center serves Trauma Service Area 13's elderly demographic, which is at a higher risk for poor outcomes in trauma due to other medical conditions present at the time of injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the trauma center at Blake Medical Center is equipped with cutting edge technology and multidisciplinary services that will help to save lives.

**WHEREAS**, every member of our community deserves accessible and quality trauma care for life's most critical moments. This is a vital service to the citizens of this county and has improved the health and outcomes of the citizens in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, in regular session, duly assembled, that said Board hereby commends Blake Medical Center for its service and dedication to the community and supports the verification of the Provisional Level II Trauma Center at Blake Medical Center for TSA 13.

**ADOPTED**, with a quorum present and voting this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013.

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MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Larry Bustle  
Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST: **R. B. "Chips" Shore**  
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