

Legislation Text

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Congratulating Daniel J. Hilferty on his retirement as the President and CEO of Independence Health Group and honoring his contributions to Philadelphia during his career.

WHEREAS, Dan Hilferty was born in Delaware County, PA, and raised in Ocean City, New Jersey before moving to Philadelphia to attend St. Joseph's University. He went on to earn his Masters of Public Administration from American University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilferty began his career as a Jesuit Volunteer Corps member in Portland, Oregon, before returning to Philadelphia and working for St. Joseph's University. He then served as executive director of PennPorts under Pennsylvania Gov. Robert P. Casey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilferty has held numerous leadership positions with Independence Health Group over his nearly twenty-five year career with the organization. Prior to becoming CEO, Mr. Hilferty spent thirteen years as head of Independence Health Group's Medicaid managed care subsidiary, AmeriHealth Caritas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilferty became CEO of Independence in 2010. During his time leading the company, Independence has increased health care revenue under management and nearly tripled in size, operating in twenty-seven states, employing over 11,000 employees, and serving eight million members across the country. During his tenure, Mr. Hilferty collaborated with numerous Philadelphia health care institutions to help them expand and streamline care for patients. He also vastly expanded the impact of Independence's innovation and philanthropy activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilferty rose to the challenge of addressing the opioid epidemic head-on as Pennsylvania and the country reached a point of crisis, by expanding access to treatment coverage and funding community organizations aimed at preventing substance use disorder and mitigating the effects of opioid use; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the company, Mr. Hilferty has been a driving force behind countless civic initiatives that showcased the region, including high-profile events such as the 2015 Papal Visit and the 2016 Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Mr. Hilferty received the prestigious William Penn Award from the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, which is the highest honor bestowed upon a businessperson in the Greater Philadelphia business community for their contributions to the region. He also currently serves as chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Chamber through October 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilferty and his family have been recognized for their philanthropic contributions to Philadelphia's Catholic organizations and other nonprofits. Mr. Hilferty is a leader who deserves recognition not only for his business acumen, but also for his dedication and care for Philadelphians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby congratulates Daniel J. Hilferty on his retirement as the President and CEO of Independence Health Group and honors his contributions to

Philadelphia during his career.