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Proclamation

Issued by the Mayor

HOPE for Kids Immunization Day April 18, 1998

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JOE SERNA, JR.
MAYOR

Replaced by
S. Concolino
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