



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAHOE FOREST HOSPITAL DISTRICT DELIVERING EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITIES OF THE TRUCKEE-NORTH TAHOE REGION

WHEREAS, beginning in 1945, guided by the need for a hospital in the Truckee – North Tahoe region, citizens banded together for the creation of a Hospital District to meet the healthcare needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1948 the Tahoe Forest Hospital District was approved by a vote of the citizens of eastern Nevada and Placer counties; and

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Forest Hospital District was officially formed in April 1949, and the first meeting of the elected board of directors was held in May 1949; and

WHEREAS, Truckee resident Richard Joseph donated the land necessary for the construction of the hospital in memoriam to his son Levon Joseph who was killed in the closing months of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the original Tahoe Forest Hospital consisting of 15 beds and two physicians, officially opened on Monday April 14, 1952; and

WHEREAS, over the following years, Tahoe Forest continued to grow to meet the expanding needs of the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 a North wing was completed, and Tahoe Forest Hospital became a 42 bed Acute Care Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 another wing was added to accommodate a larger and improved Emergency Department, Radiology, Laboratory, Physical Therapy and Respiratory Therapy; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 Tahoe Forest Hospital opened a Long-Term Care Center, a retail pharmacy and established a Foundation, followed by Occupational Health; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 a new Surgical Services wing was added and in 1991 a new Children's Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 a new Western Addition construction was commenced with a new Medical Surgery Unit, Intensive Care Unit, lobby, cafeteria, public meeting room, Briner Imaging Center and Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Tahoe Forest Multi Specialty Physician Clinics was created; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 District voters approved "Measure C" General Obligation Bond by 72% to renovate for seismic improvement and expansion of the Emergency Department, Extended Care Center, a Cancer Center, a new Women's and Newborn Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Gene Upshaw Memorial Tahoe Forest Cancer Center officially opened in 2012 followed by the Tahoe Forest Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Department; and

WHEREAS, today, the Tahoe Forest Hospital offers 24-hour emergency care, an ambulatory surgery center, intensive care, orthopedics and sports medicine, a medical/surgical unit, women and family center, home health and hospice programs, a cancer center, long term care center, children's center, a health and sports performance center, as well as a variety of community health outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Tahoe Forest Hospital is a not-for-profit rural health care facility and designated critical access hospital; and

WHEREAS, the hospital is fully accredited by the Healthcare Accreditation Facilities Program and licensed by the State of California Department of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, today, Tahoe Forest Hospital is comprised of 25 acute care beds and 36 long-term care beds, and its service area covers six rural counties, two states and approximately 3,500 square miles, reaching the communities of Truckee, North Lake Tahoe, Donner Summit, the Sierra Valley in California, and Incline Village in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Forest Hospital District remains committed to enhancing the health of its communities through excellence and compassion in all it does and strives to be the best mountain health system in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, recognizes the 75th anniversary of the Tahoe Forest Hospital District delivering excellence in service to the communities of the Truckee-North Tahoe region and extends congratulations to the Tahoe Forest Hospital District for its life saving work in the Truckee-North Tahoe region.