

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No: 08 – 192

Resolution recognizing *Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System (SVMHS)* for its support of Natividad Medical Center (NMC) through the Intergovernmental Transfer & Grant Agreement.

WHEREAS, Natividad Medical Center (NMC), founded in 1886 as a community hospital, is now an established 172-bed acute care hospital providing comprehensive, high quality acute medical care, health and wellness services and serves as Monterey County's teaching hospital and center for academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County is one of the remaining 15 California Counties which operate public safety net hospitals and that Natividad Medical Center is the primary medical care provider to the poor and indigent, delivering care to all who need it, regardless of ability to pay, immigration status or insurance; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County is committed to operating Natividad Medical Center within budgetary limits; and

WHEREAS, Natividad Medical Center has experienced significant financial distress and losses exceeding \$24 million per year by the year 2006 with an anticipated cumulative loss of \$70 million; and

WHEREAS, *Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System (SVMHS)*, a California local public district hospital, is committed to maintaining and improving the health of all residents in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, while Monterey County was striving to identify viable fiscal alternatives for continued operation of Natividad Medical Center, *Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System* and its leadership offered technical and financial support to re-engineer NMC's operations and stabilize its financial status by entering into an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement effective July 18, 2006. This agreement constituted a cooperative arrangement between *SVMHS*, the County and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, and included the transfer of funds to the hospital, with supporting representation and oversight at NMC by *SVMHS* representatives on the NMC Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure development of a sustainable operational plan for Natividad Medical Center, *Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System* has agreed to continue its support through an extension of the Intergovernmental Transfer & Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, *Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System* has agreed to provide additional intergovernmental funding as well as representatives on the Natividad Medical Center Board of Trustees through July 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, *Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System*'s financial and organizational contributions have greatly contributed to the dramatic fiscal turnaround and operational improvements at NMC by 2008; and

WHEREAS, *Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System*'s support of NMC exemplifies *SVMHS*'s leadership role and community spirit in assuring medical services to benefit all Monterey County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, hereby expresses its most sincere appreciation to *Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System*, it's entire Board of Directors, President/CEO, and executive management for their contributions to stabilize and support NMC to ensure it's continued service to Monterey County as our community's critical public safety net hospital and regional medical teaching institution

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 24th day of June, 2008, upon motion of Supervisor Calcagno, seconded by Supervisor Salinas, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Mettee-McCutchon, Potter

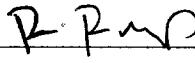
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Annette D'Adamo, Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 74 for the meeting on June 24, 2008.

Dated: June 26, 2008

Annette D'Adamo, Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By  _____
Deputy