

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

**Resolution No.**

Adopt Resolution honoring **Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital** )  
in Recognition of its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of )  
serving community healthcare needs

**WHEREAS**, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System is a Public District Hospital that has provided care since 1953 with the mission to improve the healthcare of the geographical healthcare district and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the 138-bed Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital opened on April 20, 1953 with 100 employees and 45 physicians. The modern facility offered medical and surgical patient floors, pathology and radiology labs, operating rooms, a fracture room, a physical therapy unit, and a pediatric unit with a nursery and a "pacing room" for fathers-to-be; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning and fundraising efforts started much earlier-around 1941, when the Salinas Community Hospital Association was formed. Bruce Church, a successful local businessman, called on other influential citizens including Franklin Cornell, James J. King, T.R. Merrill, and Oscar Daley to lead more than 175 civic leaders in a major fundraising effort. Church donated the land for the hospital's Romie Lane site and nearly \$300,000 was raised; and

**WHEREAS**, the campaign was put on hold with the onset of WW II, but it resumed fervently in 1947. That same year, the California State Legislature passed an act allowing communities to establish taxation districts to build hospitals and area voters approved the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital District; and

**WHEREAS**, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System was founded "in memory of the men and women of the armed forces who made the supreme sacrifice for their community and their nation, In attendance at the original dedication ceremony 60 years ago was Bataan veteran Roy Diaz who still lives in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the founders dedicated the Hospital "to the health of the community"; and

**WHEREAS**, the hospital's first quarter-century was marked by significant advancements in technology. The next 25 years would usher in a level of technology that would have been difficult to imagine, even for the most forward-thinking individuals. Through strong leadership, fiscal responsibility, strategic planning and a driving commitment to the highest quality patient care, the hospital began its transformation into the comprehensive, integrated health care system that it is today; and

**WHEREAS**, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System is currently licensed for 269 acute care beds with more than 250 physicians on the medical staff and more than 1,600 employees; and

**WHEREAS**, through strategic partnerships and affiliations, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System extends world-class health care beyond the hospital campus and into communities across the Central Coast Region; and

**WHEREAS**, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System celebrates its 60th anniversary of serving the healthcare needs of our communities.

**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 for sixty years of providing comprehensive quality patient care with a team of highly trained, caring and compassionate healthcare professionals and state of the art technology.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

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Fernando Armenta, Chair

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of California

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, Deputy