

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 23-177

Adopt Resolution Celebrating Salinas Valley Health on Their 70 Years of Service to the Residents of Salinas and Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, Planning for Salinas Valley Health began around 1941 when local businessman Bruce Church began fundraising efforts and donated land on which the hospital was built; more than 175 civic leaders, many in the agriculture industry, responded with overwhelming support; and

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent a telegram to Bruce Church on March 29, 1953, the day of the dedication, recognizing the new \$3.3 million hospital as "an admirable example of local self-reliance and initiative"; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Health opening date was April 20, 1953, bringing a new class of medical service to the people of Monterey County, with the first surgery taking place one day prior to opening day; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Health has earned eight consecutive "A" grades for hospital safety from the national consumer reporting organization, The Leapfrog Group; and

WHEREAS, The 263-bed acute care medical center employs more than 2,000 people and has a medical staff of more than 300 board-certified physicians; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Health has numerous areas of specialty providing care for all stages of life including a Level III neonatal intensive care unit along with nationally recognized maternity care, cardiac care, and cancer care; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, Salinas Valley Health Achieved Magnet Recognition®, which is considered the gold standard of nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center that is earned by fewer than 10% of hospitals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Health receives approximately 50,000 emergency visit and sees about half a million patients annually through their Salinas Valley Health Clinics; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Health Mobile Clinic provides preventive and primary care free of charge and with no questions asked to people who are uninsured and/or live in areas of Monterey County without easy access to medical service; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Health has partnered with institutions of higher education such as Hartnell and California State University Monterey Bay to help develop the next generation of healthcare leaders; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Health continues to uphold its mission to provide quality healthcare to its patients and to improve the health and well-being of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby congratulates Salinas Valley Health for their 7 decades of dedicated service to the residents of Salinas and Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23rd day of May 2023



Chair Supervisor Luis A. Alejo
Vice Chair Supervisor Glenn Church
Supervisor Chris Lopez
Supervisor Wendy Root Askew
Supervisor Mary L. Adams