

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution recognizing **65th Anniversary of the Salinas**)
Valley Memorial Healthcare System.....)

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System began when Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital opened its doors in 1953 with a commitment to excellence that holds true today; and

WHEREAS, In 1941 local businessman and philanthropist Bruce Church called upon other influential citizens such as T.R. Merrill to lead other civic leaders in a major fundraising effort to build a hospital for the people of the Salinas Valley. Bruce Church generously donated the land where the hospital stands today and nearly \$300,000 was raised; and

WHEREAS, 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, The 138-bed Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital opened on April 20, 1953 with 100 employees and 45 physicians. On the day of the dedication, March 29, 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent a letter of congratulations to Bruce Church. In it he said, the "People of Salinas Valley have every right to be proud of this admirable example of local self-reliance and initiative," commenting on the fact that no state or federal funds were used; and

WHEREAS, The hospital's first quarter-century was marked by significant advancements in technology. 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, Our 266-bed acute care hospital employs more than 1,600 people and has a medical staff of more than 300 board-certified physicians across a broad spectrum of specialties, all dedicated to providing quality healthcare to our patients and improving access to specialty care, serving underserved communities and a commitment to the overall health and wellness of a diverse community; and

WHEREAS, Our collaboration and partnerships are tackling significant health issues such as diabetes, obesity and cancer. By investing in the most advanced technology, taking part in clinical research and focusing on community outreach and education, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System is providing the region with unprecedented resources and opportunities to live well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of all citizens thereof, recognize the historic 65th anniversary of the Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of ____ 2018, upon motion of Supervisor ____
_____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following
vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Nicholas E. Chiulos, Acting 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 ____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Nicholas E. Chiulos, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy