

RESOLUTION NO. 06-09-20

Resolution of The Board of Education of The Newport-Mesa Unified School District In Support of Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian

WHEREAS, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian (Hoag) was founded in Newport Beach as a community hospital in 1952 by the Association of Presbyterian Members of Hoag and the George Hoag Family Foundation to support the Orange County community,

WHEREAS, from 1952 to 2020 Hoag has expanded from a small facility serving west Orange County to the top-rated regional health care provider with two full-service hospitals, nine health centers and thirteen urgent care centers in the county,

WHEREAS, in 2013 Hoag entered in to an “affiliation” with St. Joseph’s Hospital System to support an ambitious plan to transform care in Orange County,

WHEREAS, in 2016 St. Joseph’s Health System affiliated with Seattle based Providence Health, one of the largest health systems in the country,

WHEREAS, Hoag has been a longstanding partner with the City of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa’s first responders by coordinating the continuance of care through the emergency medical services and paramedic transports,

WHEREAS, The Pickup Family Neurosciences Institute at Hoag has launched ASPIRE (After School Intervention and Resiliency Education) to address substance abuse issues in our local schools; ASPIRE guides teens and their families through an eight-week curriculum of skills-based training in stress management, resiliency, interpersonal communication, mental health and substance abuse education. The ASPIRE program at Hoag is now accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for teens to receive high school credits,

WHEREAS, In January 2020 the Orange County Health Care Agency selected Hoag to care for California’s first COVID-19 patient. The patient was successfully treated at Hoag Irvine,

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services announced a nationwide public health emergency, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak,

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for the broader spread of COVID-19,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-3320 requiring all residents to stay at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of government and critical infrastructure (“Stay at Home Order”),

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic quickly strained and depleted the national supply of personal protective equipment ("PPE"),

WHEREAS, Hoag recognized the deficiency of PPE and quickly coordinated the design and development of additional PPE, in collaboration with its infectious disease experts and its local 3D printing partner,

WHEREAS, Hoag produced high-quality PPE, including but not limited to, eye protection, disposable and reusable face shields, and complex negative airflow cuffs of a quality that satisfied Hoag's medical standards, and established a reserve of PPE,

WHEREAS, with enough PPE for its staff, Hoag turned its focus toward supplying PPE to local first responders including, but not limited to, community outreach centers, and Hoag's business and community partners,

WHEREAS, from mid-April to early May, Hoag distributed over 11,000 disposable face shields, 14,000 eye protection goggles, and 8,000 KN95 masks,

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, Governor Newsom outlined the state's four stages for reopening businesses and ending the Stay at Home Order,

WHEREAS, to meet the requirements for entering Stage 2, the gradual re-opening of lower-risk workplaces, the County needed 82,000 face masks and 85,000 gowns for its PPE reserves,

WHEREAS: Hoag volunteered to transfer in six hours the needed PPE supplies to the County, which solidified the County's ability to obtain Stage 2 approval from the Governor,

WHEREAS, Hoag put forth extraordinary effort by quickly identifying the community's need for increased levels of care from the beginning of, and throughout the pandemic, and Hoag's doctors, nurses, support staff, and administrators stepped up to ensure the highest quality of health care was provided to residents of the County,

WHEREAS, Hoag's goals of transforming care in the County through an affiliation with Providence Health have, in the opinion of the Hoag Board, not been achieved, and the Hoag Board, doctors, nurses, medical staff and the members of the Foundation believe it is in the best interests of the community for Hoag to regain its independence and keep resources and health care decisions local,

WHEREAS, Hoag has partnered with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in support of the school based health center, HOPE Clinic, increased numbers of students have received health physical exams and immunizations in preparation for school participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education hereby resolves:

1. The Board of Education of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District hereby recognizes Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian's 68-year history of providing the highest quality health care to Orange County.

2. The Board of Education of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District hereby commends Hoag for its innovative approach in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic through the design and development of needed PPE supplies, for giving back to the community during a time when the community needed it

most, and for stepping forward to transfer a large volume of PPE to assist Orange County with moving forward in the Governor's COVID-19 re-opening plan. Additionally, The Board of Education of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District hereby recognizes Hoag's leadership in responding to the pandemic and providing reassurance to the community that Hoag was prepared to meet the demands of the pandemic while continuing to provide exceptional health care services.

3. The Board of Education of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District believes Hoag to be integral to meet the health care needs of the Newport-Mesa community, which supports Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in their effort to become independent based on the judgment of Hoag's medical staff and Board that independence serves the best interests of Hoag's patients and the communities Hoag serves.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Education of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District this 15th day of September, 2020.

Martha Fluor, President
Board of Education

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