

RESOLUTION NO 16-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING LEE MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEMS ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY; PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee Memorial Health System began serving the Fort Myers Beach community on October 3, 1916, with its first hospital, Lee County Hospital, built with \$300 set aside by a group of community leaders and donated lumber from a dismantled courthouse; and

WHEREAS, from a small two-story hospital with only four rooms and fifteen beds, to a health system with 1,426 beds, four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, and over one million patient contacts each year, Lee Memorial Health System has become the largest public health system in the state that does not receive direct tax support and one of the largest public, not-for-profit health systems in the country; and

WHEREAS, Lee Memorial Health System is one of the region's largest employers, with more than 11,000 dedicated employees, including 300 physicians and advanced practice clinicians, and is supported by 4,500 volunteers and auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, Lee Memorial Health System's mission is to meet the health care needs and improve the health status of the people of Southwest Florida and strive to be the best patient and family-centered health care system by delivering quality, safe, efficient, and compassionate health care; and

WHEREAS, since opening its first hospital a century ago, Lee Memorial Health System remains the bedrock of the community by offering acute care, emergency care, rehabilitative and diagnostic services, health and wellness education, community outreach, and advocacy programs throughout its five-county region; and

WHEREAS, due to the dedication of its employees, volunteers, and supporters, Lee Memorial Health System has received many awards and recognitions, including the Healthgrades 2015 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, given only to the top five percent of the more than 4,500 hospitals evaluated nationwide, for its outstanding clinical performance, and continues to offer quality service with a passion for improving the overall health of its community and nationwide as it celebrates 200 years of caring for its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Fort Myers Beach, as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as though fully set forth below.
2. The Town Council respectfully congratulates Lee Memorial Health System on the occasion of its centennial anniversary on October 3, 2016.

3. The Town Council recognizes Lee Memorial Health System for its contributions to the community, and that all residents are encouraged to celebrate and recognize the hard work and contribution of its board of directors, physicians, nurses, employees, volunteers, auxiliaries, and donors to the success of Lee Memorial Health System.

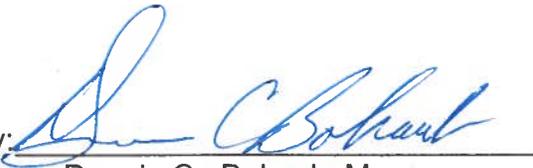
4. This resolution becomes effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY EXECUTED this 8th day of September, 2016.

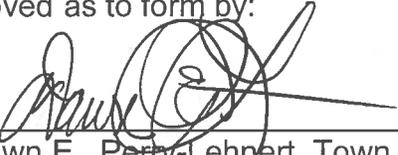
ATTEST:

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By: 
Michelle Mayher, Town Clerk

By: 
Dennis C. Boback, Mayor

Approved as to form by:

By: 
Dawn E. Perry-Lehnert, Town Attorney