

**RESOLUTION**  
**of the**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Humboldt**

**St. Joseph Hospital Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**1920-2020: A Century of Care, Dedicated to Humboldt**

**WHEREAS**, a century ago the Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in the rugged lumber town of Eureka, California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sisters, after coming to open a school, were called upon instead to care for the ill and infirm during the deadly flu pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sisters accepted the transfer of the property of the then defunct local hospital on March 19, 1920, and began to renovate, rebuild, and receive medical training; and

**WHEREAS**, these dedicated women, who sought out the needs of their dear neighbors and responded, by opening St. Joseph Hospital on November 1, 1920, and changing Humboldt County forever; and

**WHEREAS**, the executive leaders, community volunteers, and exceptional caregivers of St. Joseph Hospital and Redwood Memorial Hospital have carried the mantle and remained dedicated to this vision of quality healthcare for all our citizens throughout the past century.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, declare this historical date, **March 19, 2020**, as the official designation of the **Centennial Celebration** of St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, and the beginning of a year-long appreciation honoring the contributions of the past century and in promotion of the next century of extraordinary rural healthcare provided by St. Joseph and Redwood Memorial Hospitals.

March 17, 2020

Estelle Fennell, Chair

