

# Resolution

**WHEREAS**, Harris Health Ben Taub Hospital will mark its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary since its founding in Houston and Harris County on May 26, 2023 and has since become a recognized and internationally known leader in trauma and emergency care. Ben Taub Hospital is a proud member of the Harris Health System, the public healthcare system, created in 1966 by a voter referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Taub Hospital bears the name of a Houston legend, real-estate mogul, philanthropic giant, and vocal advocate for the creation of Harris Health to provide high-quality medical care to the most vulnerable residents in our community regardless of their socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, in its 60 years, the Ben Taub Hospital name has seamlessly transitioned from two facilities on the same campus—the original Ben Taub Hospital (1963 to 1990) that now houses specialty services in an outpatient tower such as audiology, ophthalmology, speech, and urology—while the current Ben Taub Hospital (1990 to present) serves the community as major acute care hospital with 402 beds providing expertise in trauma, emergency medicine, intensive care, stroke, and cardiology; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Taub Hospital—one of two Level 1 Trauma Centers in Harris County—received its trauma designation in 1994—the first year of trauma center accreditation in Texas by the American College of Surgeons and Texas Department of Health and Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Taub Hospital has become an internationally recognized leader and expert in trauma care and emergency response and since 1990, its medical partners from Baylor College of Medicine have served the community well by providing life-saving trauma care to more than 185,000 area residents; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Ben Taub Hospital is home to the Ginni and Richard Mithoff Trauma Center, a Comprehensive Stroke Center (DNV accredited), recipient of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus-Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus Award, a designated Chest Pain Center and a Mission: Lifeline® Gold Plus Receiving Center for STEMI (heart attack) care; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Taub Hospital, as part of Harris Health, is a long-time respected member of the Texas Medical Center and a vital part of the Harris County and City of Houston emergency response system for mass casualty and disaster events and in its 60 years of operation as the hospital has taken care of nearly 6 million emergency patient visits; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates the Harris Health

## BEN TAUB HOSPITAL

on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing patient care to the people of Harris County and the City of Houston.

**It is hereby *ORDERED*** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2023.

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**LINA HIDALGO**, County Judge

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**RODNEY ELLIS**, Commissioner  
Precinct One

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**ADRIAN GARCIA**, Commissioner  
Precinct Two

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**TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E.**, Commissioner  
Precinct Three

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**LESLEY BRIONES**, Commissioner  
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

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Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk  
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