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August 4, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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RE: **PROJECT # 11041**

Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

I write this letter in support of the Certificate of Need application presented by Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care. I am the current lay chair of the Board of Directors of Provena Saint Joseph Hospital. I am a private practicing attorney in Elgin, Illinois.

Since 1973 I have been involved in various capacities involving Provena Saint Joseph Hospital, even before it was part of the merger that became Provena Health. Consequently I have a frame of reference from a local lay person's view, of what our local hospital's merger into Provena Health meant to both the hospital and Elgin at that time.

The result was threefold: a significant improvement in the hospital's purchasing power; a pronounced enhancement in the sophistication and quality of medical care provided our community; the creation of a vital economic engine for the Elgin area. At present Provena Saint Joseph employs over 1,400 local individuals, representing more than \$80 million in salaries and wages

The proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care, both formidable and respected health systems in their own right, should duplicate the benefits of the Provena merger on a scale geometrically larger than what we enjoyed with the creation of Provena Health.

If this merger is allowed, the local communities served by Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care will be the beneficiaries of a health system serving more than 4 ½ million Illinois citizens. Such a system will improve each hospital's economic strength and their ability to provide local medical care on the increasingly high level expected of Illinois hospitals at this time in our history.

I unequivocally support the proposed merger and hope your Board will approve the application as presented.

Sincerely,



Jeff Rifken

Chair, Provena Saint Joseph Hospital Board of Directors

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August 8, 2011

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RE: PROJECT # 11041
Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

As President of the Rotary Club of Elgin, I am pleased to extend my support of the Certificate of Need application for the merger between Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Provena Saint Joseph Hospital has long had an important impact on our community, giving millions of dollars toward community benefit support. In 2010 alone, PSJH provided over \$34 million in charitable impact on our community, through free health care and planned community benefit services.

Merging with Resurrection will make our Elgin hospital, and all other ministries involved, stronger in an era where there is great change coming in health care. It will preserve their faith-based missions, which puts the community, and the people within it, at the center. And equally important, the merger will allow all of the ministries included to provide even more for their communities.

I urge the Board's approval of this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Randy Brittain
President, Rotary Club of Elgin



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RE: PROJECT # 11041
Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a member of the Provena Saint Joseph Hospital of Directors and local business leader, I have known Provena to be a tremendous community partner; a commitment I know would only grow stronger through a merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

In 2010 alone, Provena Saint Joseph Hospital delivered care to almost a quarter of a million patients during their time of need, and to more than 28,000 others through innovative community benefit programs that are designed to meet identified community health needs.

Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care respond with the same dedication to delivering compassionate, high-quality health care to those throughout their communities. Together they will be better and more strongly positioned for continued growth, even during these trying economic times with changes looming on the horizon as a result of healthcare reform. Most importantly, this growth and stability will positively impact the wellbeing of those they serve for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration of our application.

Sincerely,

Dan DesRochers
VP & General Manager, Elgin Sweeper Company
Member, Provena Saint Joseph Hospital Board of Directors

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