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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: PROJECT # 11044
Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

It's no surprise to me that Provena St. Mary's Hospital has twice been named a "Workplace of Distinction" by Morehead Associates. The award recognizes organizations that are dedicated to creating an engaged workforce that provides safe, superior patient care. That has absolutely been my experience. Those I work with at Provena St. Mary's aren't my co-workers, they're my family. It takes a special organization to create an environment like ours – one that is equally dedicated to employee care as it is to patient care.

Over my 15 year career, I have been able to take advantage of skill development opportunities when I decided to transition from the intensive care unit to my current role in clinical education and tuition reimbursement when pursuing my Masters program. I've also been the grateful recipient of mentoring from peers who have been long-standing employees at Provena St. Mary's undoubtedly because they feel just as supported in their careers as I do. In addition to competitive pay, the opportunity I have to set aside money as part of my retirement benefit - a portion of which is matched by Provena - is a great relief. Financial counselors are also on site regularly to help answer questions fellow employees and I have about investments and other planning, and I've found that counseling to be very helpful.

I know that being a part of a system has allowed Provena St. Mary's Hospital to offer these opportunities and I'm confident that a merger with Resurrection Health Care will allow more of the same. I respectfully urge your approval of the merger application and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Whitis".

Amy Whitis
Clinical Educator

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Dear Ms. Avery:

As president of the medical staff at Provena St. Mary's Hospital (PSMH), I respectfully urge your approval of the merger between Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

For nearly 115 years, the medical team at PSMH has been dedicated to providing those in our communities with leading-edge, patient-centered, high quality care. Over the years, our efforts have been recognized with prestigious national distinctions from organizations like HealthGrades®, The Joint Commission, various accrediting bodies and more. Our dedication to quality is matched only by our commitment to service, as evidenced by having been named a Workplace of Distinction by Morehead Associates two consecutive years.

Together with PSMH administration, we have successfully built critical programs and services to the hospital, including a Level II Emergency/Trauma Center, a regional cancer center, rehabilitation services, a family birthing center, pediatric unit, mental health services, sleep diagnostic center, renal dialysis, wound care, endocrinology services, a total wellness center and much more. Thanks to these programs and the exceptional expertise of our physicians and staff, PSJMC is able to provide high quality healthcare conveniently close to home.

A merger with Resurrection Health Care will allow us to continue to expand our clinical offerings and our expert care team in order to best serve those who depend on us for care.

Sincerely,



Roger Taylor, M.D.

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I represent the 40th Legislative District as a member of the Illinois Senate and have long believed this area to be unique – it is both rural and urban, containing wealthier areas and those in need across both densely and less populated communities. Such a unique area offers correspondingly unique opportunities and challenges. However, one thing that remains consistent no matter where you travel throughout the District, is our communities' need for high quality healthcare close to home.

In addition to my legislative work, I have more than 15 years of experience in community leadership and am proud to also currently be serving as a member of the PSMH's Board of Directors. I can tell you that Provena St. Mary's physicians, leaders, staff and volunteers remain as committed to their Mission to build communities of healing and hope in the spirit of Jesus Christ as their founding Sisters were nearly 115 years ago. They understand their responsibility to provide the absolute highest quality of patient care. That means seeking out the very best in health care professionals and services in order to meet the community's needs. In today's unstable times, we need your support.

A merger of PSMH's parent company, Provena Health, with Resurrection Health Care will create one of the largest health systems in the State, providing services for patients and residents across the continuum through nearly 100 sites of care, employing over 22,000 individuals across ministries supported by over 5,000 physicians. This merger will provide local ministries like Provena St. Mary's additional support in order to have a greater and lasting impact on the lives of all those served.

I ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board support the application for the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Sincerely,

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Senator Toi Hutchinson
State of Illinois 40th District

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Dear Ms. Avery:

After more than 15 years of proud service, I can tell you Provena St. Mary's Hospital is as dedicated to the growth and development of its more than 900 employees as it is to providing the highest quality care to the patients it is privileged to serve. I know because my nursing career is the direct result of this commitment.

I decided to become an obstetrics nurse later in life. I worked as an OB tech at Provena St. Mary's while in nursing school, and was offered a full-time OB nursing position upon graduation. My career since then has been a steady climb into a leadership role, with each step along the way supported whole-heartedly not only by my peers but by the organization as a whole. When I felt like I had reached my potential at the bedside and wanted additional responsibilities, my director helped me locate opportunities for advancement. At around the same time, Provena St. Mary's was in the midst of developing a cohort Bachelor of Science in Nursing program with Olivet Nazarene University. In addition to the convenience and comfort of attending class with my co-workers right on site at the hospital, I have been able to take advantage of Provena's generous tuition reimbursement program, which was one of the main factors in my decision to pursue additional education with three children in college at the same time! I am now just one year away from my degree and deeply thankful for the opportunity Provena St. Mary's has provided me to further develop my skills.

I know that dedication to career growth is not unique to Provena St. Mary's. It's also apparent at our Provena sister ministries and at Resurrection Health Care as well. A merger of our two systems will provide additional resources to help develop our expert care teams in order to best serve those who depend on us for care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Simmons" followed by a small circular mark.

Paula Simmons
Patient Care Manager, Obstetrics



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Dear Ms. Avery:

As Chair of the Provena St. Mary's Hospital (PSMH) Board of Directors, I am pleased to extend my support of a merger between Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care. For the past 9 years as a member of the PSMH Board, including the past 1 year(s) as its Chair, I have been proud to represent the hospital throughout the Kankakee community.

To see the true value of a health system, one needs to look no further than Provena St. Mary's. In 1997, with the formation of its parent company, Provena Health, PSMH became a ministry within a larger Catholic health system. Over the course of the next 14 years, the value of this "systemness" has proved immeasurable during both difficult and prosperous times.

Thanks to increased access to capital as part of a larger system, PSMH has been able to make numerous investments including a new Endocrine and Diabetes Clinic, expansion of its ambulatory care network, critical care beds with enhanced technology for patient comfort and staff support, new ultrasound and digital mammography equipment, and much more.

Being a part of Provena Health has made Provena St. Mary's Hospital a stronger provider of health services for our local community. A merger with Resurrection Health Care will allow us to grow even stronger and continue our important work for the benefit of all those in the greater Kankakee area and beyond.

I urge your support of our merger application.

Sincerely,

Tim Gernon

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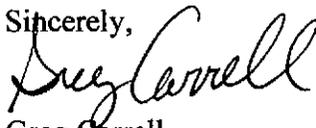
For many years, the United Way of Kankakee County has been the grateful recipient of generous monetary support from Provena St. Mary's Hospital and its employees, totaling nearly \$13,000 in 2010 alone. Equally as important as the funding, however, is the critical partnership we have forged together to address the needs of those in our communities.

The United Way seeks to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community in order foster independence, nurture children, provide basic needs, and strengthen and support families. However, none of this important work is possible without vital community partners like Provena St. Mary's Hospital.

A merger of the medical center's parent company, Provena Health, and Resurrection Health Care will serve to make Provena St. Mary's Hospital stronger, preserving its faith-based mission and continually enhancing partnerships with community organizations – like the United Way – for the betterment of all those we collectively serve

Thank you for your consideration of their application.

Sincerely,



Greg Carrell
Executive Director



Maternity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Church

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Dear Ms. Avery:

As a priest in residence at Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary in Bourbonnais and as a member of the Provena St. Mary's Hospital Board of Directors, I am pleased to give my support of the merger between Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

For more than 125 years, Provena Health ministries, including Provena St. Mary's Hospital, have existed for the sole purpose of caring for all those we are privileged to serve, with special attention to the poor and vulnerable. It's a commitment that's at the core of our Mission: to build communities of healing and hope by compassionately responding to human need in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

A merger with Resurrection Health Care will allow PSMH to continue to expand our clinical offerings and our expert care team in order to best serve those who depend on us for care. While this means great things for people throughout the greater Kankakee area, the impact of a merger will be felt across a vast portion of our state. In fact, more than 4.5 million people who live in areas served by Provena and Resurrection will benefit from transformative healthcare delivered with compassion, dignity and respect at every stage of life.

Please approve the Certificate of Need application for the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Sincerely,

Rev. James E. Michaletz, CSV

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Michael O'Brien