



PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO TO CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES WHIPPLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER

WHEREAS, James Whipple, the decendent of British immigrants arriving in America in 1620, was born in Arlington VA in 1954; and

WHEREAS, being a military child, James lived in many different countries. Upon retirement from the military, James' father obtained his Master's and became a professor and ultimately the President of Chico State University, instilling in James the importance of education; and,

WHEREAS, James earned his Bachelor's degree in mathematics and statistics, and his Master's in finance; and,

WHEREAS, James and his college sweetheart, Deborah have been married since 1979, they have two sons and a daughter that are now grown and a granddaughter enriching their lives; and,

WHEREAS, James started his healthcare career as the Controller at Rideout Hospital in Marysville, until a headhunter contacted him to interview for Marshall Hospital's Chief Financial Officer position, whereupon he was hired on the spot by then CEO Frank Nachtman; and,

WHEREAS, during James' tenure, Marshall Hospital grew from 90 beds to 125 and opened 20 clinics around the western slope of El Dorado County. When James joined Marshall Hospital, it employed roughly 360 individuals, today, Marshall employs over 1,700 in its facilities. Marshall also rebranded from Marshall Hospital to become Marshall Medical Center in 2004 ; and,

WHEREAS, James served as an at-large trustee on the California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems Board of Trustees from 2009-2014, keeping his finger on the pulse of healthcare trends; and,

WHEREAS, under James' leadership, Marshall Medical Center was recognized with a CMS 5-Star for Overall Hospital Quality in 2018, Healthgrades top 10% Hospital in the Nation for Outstanding Patient Experience in 2018; and American Heart Association's Stroke Gold Plus in 2015 and 2017; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby celebrate James Whipple for a clear-eyed vision and steady hand that has ensured the financial stability of one of California's last not-for-profit independent hospitals. He leaves a legacy of high quality, compassionate care for El Dorado County residents and visitors for the next generation to continue.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 14th day of January, 2020.

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

Deputy Clerk

Brian Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors