



**MEMORANDUM  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** June 25, 2024  
**FROM:** Daniel Chatigny, County Executive Officer  
**BY:** Jennifer Grappasonno, Board Support Services Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Commendation recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tahoe Forest Hospital District in Truckee, California

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Approve a Commendation recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tahoe Forest Hospital District in Truckee, California

**BACKGROUND**

Beginning in 1945 guided by the need for a hospital in the Truckee – North Tahoe region, citizens banded together for the creation of a Hospital District to meet the healthcare needs of the community. Together, they forged ahead and built support and momentum for what is the Tahoe Forest Hospital District. Since its inception, Tahoe Forest has grown with the community it serves. In 1948 the Tahoe Forest Hospital District was approved by a vote of the citizens of eastern Nevada and Placer counties. The Tahoe Forest Hospital District was officially formed in April 1949, and the first meeting of the elected board of directors was held in May of that year. Truckee resident Richard Joseph donated the land necessary for the construction of the hospital in memoriam to his son Levon Joseph who was killed in the closing months of World War II. The Tahoe Forest Hospital, consisting of 15 beds and two physicians, officially opened on Monday April 14, 1952. In 1965 a North wing was completed, and Tahoe Forest Hospital became a 42 bed Acute Care Hospital. In 1976 another wing was added to accommodate a larger and improved Emergency Department, Radiology, Laboratory, Physical Therapy and Respiratory Therapy. In 1987 Tahoe Forest Hospital opened a Long-Term Care Center, a retail pharmacy and established a Foundation, followed by Occupational Health. In 1990 a new Surgical Services wing was added and in 1991 a new Children's Center. In 2002 a new Western Addition construction was commenced with a new Medical Surgery Unit, Intensive Care Unit, lobby, cafeteria, public meeting room, Briner Imaging Center, and Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehabilitation. 2006 created the Tahoe Forest Multi Specialty Physician Clinics. In 2007 District voters approved "Measure C" General Obligation Bond by 72% to renovate for seismic improvement and expansion of the Emergency Department, Extended Care Center, a Cancer Center, a new Women's, and Newborn Health Department. The Gene Upshaw Memorial Tahoe Forest Cancer Center opened in 2012 followed by the Tahoe Forest Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Department. The Tahoe Forest Hospital District endeavors to enhance the health of its communities through excellence and compassion in all it does and to strive to be the best mountain health system in the nation.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Commendation

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## Commendation

### IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAHOE FOREST HOSPITAL DISTRICT IN TRUCKEE, CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, Beginning in 1945 guided by the need for a hospital in the Truckee – North Tahoe region, citizens banded together for the creation of a Hospital District to meet the healthcare needs of the community. Together, they forged ahead and built support and momentum for what is the Tahoe Forest Hospital District. Since its inception, Tahoe Forest has grown with the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1948 the Tahoe Forest Hospital District was approved by a vote of the citizens of eastern Nevada and Placer counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tahoe Forest Hospital District was officially formed in April 1949, and the first meeting of the elected board of directors was held in May of that year; and

**WHEREAS**, Truckee resident Richard Joseph donated the land necessary for the construction of the hospital in memoriam to his son Levon Joseph who was killed in the closing months of World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tahoe Forest Hospital consisting of 15 beds and two physicians, officially opened on Monday April 14, 1952; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965 a North wing was completed, and Tahoe Forest Hospital became a 42 bed Acute Care Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976 another wing was added to accommodate a larger and improved Emergency Department, Radiology, Laboratory, Physical Therapy and Respiratory Therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987 Tahoe Forest Hospital opened a Long-Term Care Center, a retail pharmacy and established a Foundation, followed by Occupational Health; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990 a new Surgical Services wing was added and in 1991 a new Children's Center; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002 a new Western Addition construction was commenced with a new Medical Surgery Unit, Intensive Care Unit, lobby, cafeteria, public meeting room, Briner Imaging Center and Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, Tahoe Forest Multi-Specialty Physician Clinics was created; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 District voters approved "Measure C" General Obligation Bond by 72% to renovate for seismic improvement and expansion of the Emergency Department, Extended Care Center, a Cancer Center, a new Women's, and Newborn Health Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gene Upshaw Memorial Tahoe Forest Cancer Center opened in 2012 followed by the Tahoe Forest Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tahoe Forest Hospital District endeavors to enhance the health of its communities through excellence and compassion in all it does and to strive to be the best mountain health system in the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN** that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on June 25, 2024, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County.

Suzanne Jones, Supervisor, District 4  
Chair 2024

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