

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

"NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK"

May 11-17, 2014

WHEREAS, National Hospital Week is May 11-17, 2014, and originated in 1921 as a community celebration and is now the nation's largest health care event; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital is celebrating its 58th year of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital has been named a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital for three consecutive years, out-performing other community hospitals nationwide in quality, outcomes, patient perspective, affordability, financial growth and efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital has grown over the years to provide the broad scope of services needed in the community, including Emergency, Acute Care, Surgery, 28-bed Long Term Care, Orthopedic Care, Physical Therapy, Pediatric Therapy, Laboratory Services, Family Practice, Home Health, Infusion Clinic, Specialty Clinics, Sleep Center and Education Programs; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital is the only designated Trauma Level IV provider open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing emergency care for the entire southern peninsula; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital has been pro-active to increase services, expanding their technology and the number of physicians, surgeons and specialists to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital employs 385 residents, offering competitive salaries, benefits and a professional career track for our local residents; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital has significant economic impact in the community, with an annual payroll of over \$21 million per year, through the purchases of supplies and services, by attracting new money to the community through patients, physicians and relocation, and by supporting local organizations and activities within the community; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital continually ranks highest in every survey category when compared to the average scores of both statewide hospitals and national hospitals; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital's success is due to a unique partnership between the City of Homer, the Kenai Peninsula Borough and South Peninsula Hospital, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The hard working employees and volunteers at South Peninsula Hospital deserve regard and appreciation for providing care for our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary E. Wythe, Mayor of the City of Homer, on behalf of all its citizens, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11-17 as National Hospital Week, and express my great appreciation for the all the individuals, facilities, and technologies that make the healthcare possible at South Peninsula Hospital.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED the Seal of the City of Homer, Alaska, to be affixed this 12th day of May, 2014.

CITY OF HOMER

MARY E. WYTHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK