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TO: The Honorable Mayor & City Council

FROM: Lacey G. Simpson, Assistant General Manager Initials: 

DATE: July 24, 2023 File #: MGR23-379

RE: **Resolution No. 23-2886 - Commemorating The Partnership Between PeaceHealth And The City Of Ketchikan And PeaceHealth's One Hundred Years Of Health Care Service To The Community; And Establishing An Effective Date**

The motion detailed below was prepared to mark PeaceHealth's one-hundred years of service in the community of Ketchikan and to commemorate the lasting partnership between the City and PeaceHealth. Should the City Council approve Resolution No.23-2886, Mayor Kiffer will recite the resolution on the City's behalf at the jointly hosted community centennial celebration, taking place Friday, August 11, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the PeaceHealth Ketchikan General Hospital, 3100 Tongass Avenue.

PeaceHealth's history in Ketchikan stretches from when the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace in Bellingham, WA, opened the Little Flower Hospital on Bawden Street in 1923 through to today, with PeaceHealth operating the City-owned hospital through a long-term lease agreement and offering quality healthcare and services. The City appreciates PeaceHealth's ongoing commitment to the citizens of Ketchikan, and on this centennial, recognizes the lasting partnership with PeaceHealth to meet the healthcare needs of the community and enhance Ketchikan's quality of life.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

**Recommended Motion:** I move the City Council approve Resolution No. 23-2886, commemorating the partnership between PeaceHealth and the City of Ketchikan and PeaceHealth's one hundred years of health care service to the community; and establishing an effective date.

**CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-2886**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN,  
COMMEMORATING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PEACEHEALTH AND  
THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN AND PEACEHEALTH'S ONE HUNDRED YEARS  
OF HEALTH CARE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY; AND ESTABLISHING  
AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, in celebration of the 100-year anniversary of PeaceHealth in Ketchikan, the Ketchikan City Council wishes to commemorate the continued partnership between the two organizations to bring quality healthcare to the citizens of Ketchikan; and

**WHEREAS**, PeaceHealth's presence in Ketchikan began in 1923 when the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, founded in 1890 in Bellingham, WA and would later become the non-profit PeaceHealth regional health system, opened the Little Flower Hospital on Bawden Street to provide basic health care services to the growing community; and

**WHEREAS**, after community needs and advances in healthcare outgrew the Little Flower Hospital, the City of Ketchikan stepped forward to issue a voter approved bond to construct the Ketchikan General Hospital, dedicated August 11, 1963 and located where the PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center still stands today on Tongass Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, given their history and dedication to the community of Ketchikan, the City selected the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace to operate the new hospital and continue offering needed healthcare to Ketchikan through the execution of a long-term lease agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the 60-year history of the facility, the community of Ketchikan has dedicated approximately \$100 million in municipal bond issuances and grant awards toward various phases of the hospital's construction, improvement, and expansion. PeaceHealth has equally invested in the community through charity care and grants on an annual basis, broadening the onsite medical services, offering employment, training and career advancement opportunities for residents, facilities maintenance, and procuring state of the art medical equipment, all equating to tens of millions of dollars to improve the community's access to healthcare and enhance the quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, this partnership was further strengthened and renewed when the City and PeaceHealth mutually agreed to renegotiate a successor operating lease, resulting in a 20-year agreement commencing October 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ketchikan is proud to continue its longstanding relationship with PeaceHealth to meet the healthcare needs of residents and visitors and thanks PeaceHealth for its 100 years of service to the community of Ketchikan and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

**Section 1.** The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska does hereby extend thanks to PeaceHealth for their health care service to the community.

**Section 2.** The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska recognizes and celebrates the historic and ongoing relationship between PeaceHealth and the City of Ketchikan to bring quality healthcare to Ketchikan.

**Section 3.** The City of Ketchikan shall transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to representatives of PeaceHealth in commemoration of PeaceHealth's centennial celebration and the lasting partnership between the City and PeaceHealth.

**Section 4.** This resolution is effective immediately upon passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Dave Kiffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Stanker  
City Clerk