

# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## IN CITY COUNCIL

July 19, 2017

### **RESOLUTION HONORING VIBRA HOSPITAL OF SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE HOSPITAL'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts is a 90 bed Long-Term Acute Care Hospital, located in the far north end of historic New Bedford, providing complex medical management, rehabilitative care and long-term acute care to adults and children; and

**WHEREAS**, The hospital opened its doors on February 05, 1992, when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts selected Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts, formerly known as Mediplex Rehab-Bristol/New Bedford Rehab Hospital, as the area provider of complex medical care for chronically disabled patients that were previously cared for at the Lakeville Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon opening, the hospital employed approximately 150 employees who worked diligently to staff and supply the hospital's basic operating needs, actually bringing office and medical supplies to the hospital in the first few months of operation; and

**WHEREAS**, The hospital's primary goal is to return patients to functional independence and facilitate discharge to their homes or to another less restrictive environment as quickly as possible for the overall well-being of the patient; hence the slogan of "GETTING YOU BACK TO BETTER"; and

**WHEREAS**, The hospital's reputation for providing many comprehensive, specialized inpatient clinical services contributed to the hospital's rapid growth in expanded patient numbers, dedicated employees and additional clinical and rehabilitative services that now includes the usage of state of the art equipment such as Volumetric Capnography Technology which has assisted the medical team at the hospital in liberating over 90% of their patients from mechanical ventilators yearly; and

**WHEREAS**, Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts currently provides a wide array of inpatient and outpatient care programs, to include pulmonary, stroke, acute renal dialysis; physical, occupational and speech therapy; the addition of a specialized Wound Care Center, treating acute and chronic non-healing wounds and will soon open a new Cardiac Unit with state of the art Telemetry Monitoring; and

**WHEREAS**, Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts, now owned by the Vibra Healthcare System has become a leading example in the Vibra Healthcare System and has recently acquired two other hospitals to provide the same great care to Massachusetts residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts, is under the direction of Edward B. Leary, Chief Executive Officer and Regional President, employs approximately 300 medical professional and support personnel, as well as a group of dedicated physicians to provide a continuum of care for its patients, and is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 8, 2017, the administration and employees of Vibra Hospital of Southeastern Massachusetts celebrated the significant accomplishments of the hospital over the past twenty-five years, hosting on the hospital grounds an outdoor Annual Health Expo which featured over 100 agencies from across Massachusetts and Rhode Island;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the New Bedford City Council hereby congratulates the employees, past and present, of **VIBRA HOSPITAL OF SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS**, on the momentous occasion of the Celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of this hospital, and extends sincere thanks to all the employees who have provided compassionate and quality care to all patients over the past twenty-five years;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That New Bedford and its Citizens extends best wishes for continued success to the employees of **VIBRA HOSPITAL OF SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS**, and for successful operation and expansion of the patient programs and continued high quality care for many years to come.