

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **TEXAS HEALTH HARRIS METHODIST HOSPITAL HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 26, 2023**

*WHEREAS, in 1966, concerned citizens saw the need to formulate plans for a non-profit community hospital for the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford area, which resulted in C. T. Beckham and Bob Fanning donating 20 acres south of the intersection of Texas 121A and Spur 350, wherein a groundbreaking for the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Community Hospital took place on February 26, 1970, and opened their doors on June 24, 1973 with the first patient admitted on June 25; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1983, the hospital changed its name to Harris Hospital HEB to reflect the hospital's affiliation with the Harris Methodist Hospital System; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1987, the Harris Fitness Center HEB celebrated its grand opening, followed by adding a comprehensive cardiac rehabilitation program, and in May, opening Northeast Tarrant County's first cardiac catheterization lab followed by an open-heart surgery unit the following year, allowing patients to obtain all their cardiac needs in one location; and*

*WHEREAS, Harris Methodist HEB Hospital officially opened its Edwards Cancer Center in 1990, introducing radiation therapy and a cancer center to the area for the first time, and in 1991, Harris Methodist Springwood opened a two-story facility offering psychiatric services and chemical dependency treatment; also in 1993, Harris Methodist HEB opened a 70,000 square-foot Ambulatory Care Center, making it the first stand-alone outpatient surgery center at a hospital in Tarrant County; and*

*WHEREAS, the Siratt Women's Center at Harris Methodist HEB, devoted exclusively to the obstetrical and gynecological needs of women, opened in 2000 with 12 labor, delivery, and recovery suites, and 36 new rooms made possible by a generous gift from Don and Gloria Siratt; and*

*WHEREAS, Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital HEB welcomed the next generation of physicians in 2022 through a new Graduate Medical Education (GME) program in conjunction with Texas Health Presbyterian Denton; and in 2023, they received the designation of the Magnet Recognition Program®, which is considered the gold standard of nursing excellence.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2023, as the "Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Hurst-Euleless-Bedford 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration" who are still committed to providing Northeast Tarrant County with a patient and family-centered approach to care offering complex treatments and medical advancements in a variety of services.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.*