

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of the Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the 4th day of February, 2014, the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL CONGRATULATING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT GULFPORT ON ITS NATIONAL RANKING AS BEST HOSPITAL IN MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital is one of the most comprehensive healthcare systems in the state, including a 303-bed acute care hospital and a 33-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit and an outpatient surgery center; a 109-bed behavioral health facility; a medical office building, satellite outpatient diagnostic centers and more than 48 Memorial Physicians Clinics; and

WHEREAS, *U.S. News & World Report* analyzed data for nearly 5,000 healthcare facilities nationwide and released its 24th annual Best Hospitals rankings, recognizing hospitals that excel in treating patients who need an especially high level of care, ranking Memorial Hospital as #1 of the 116 hospitals that serve the residents of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, *U.S. News & World Report* listed Memorial Hospital among the top hospitals in the nation for Diabetes and Endocrinology care; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital was the only hospital in Mississippi to receive national recognition in any of the 16 medical specialties studied by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital was one of only 147 hospitals in the United States to receive a national ranking for any of the medical specialties that were measured; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital was rated as high-performing in Gastroenterology and GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Nephrology, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Pulmonology and Urology; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital scored high in patient safety, “demonstrating commitment to reducing accidents and medical mistakes” and scored higher than national and state averages in patient satisfaction categories; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital's nursing staff received the highest ranking score in all high performing specialty categories evaluated by *U.S. News & World Report*.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the matters, facts, and things set forth and recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. That the City Council hereby congratulates and honors the Board of Trustees, administration and staff of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport for their Best Hospital in Mississippi ranking by *U.S. News & World Report*.

SECTION 3. That the City Council expresses its appreciation for Memorial Hospital's dedication to providing excellent patient care and services to the community of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Governing Authority and shall be in effect as provided by law and a copy hereof shall be provided to the Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by Councilmember Casey, seconded by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:
Casey
Dombrowski
Holmes-Hines
Walker
Sharp
Flowers
Pucheu

NAYS:
None

ABSENT:
None

WHEREUPON, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, this the 4th day of February, 2014.



Yvonda S. Cole
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

ADOPTED:

[Signature]
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

The above and foregoing Resolution having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 5th day of February, 2014.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
MAYOR