

Kenai Peninsula Borough
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Proclamation

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WHEREAS, National Hospital and Nursing Home Weeks are May 8-14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital is celebrating its 60th anniversary of providing care for the residents of the southern Kenai Peninsula community; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital has three times been named a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, 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, Long Term Care, Orthopedic Care, Physical Therapy, Pediatric Therapy, Laboratory Services, Imaging, Family Practice, Patient Centered Medical Home, Birthing Center, Home Health, Infusion Clinic, Specialty Clinics, Functional Medicine Clinic, Sleep Center and Health 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, expand technology and grow the number of physicians and specialists to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital Long Term Care is the only skilled nursing home on the southern Kenai Peninsula and offers transitional care to regain independence after surgery, illness or injury, and residential nursing care for 28 residents; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital and Long Term Care employ 400 residents, offering competitive salaries, benefits and a professional career track for our local residents; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital and Long Term Care have significant economic impact in the community, contributing an annual payroll of over \$23 million to the local economy, 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 and Long Term Care regularly rank highest in every survey category when compared to the average scores of both statewide and national hospitals and nursing homes in the Medicare hospital and nursing home quality compare programs; and

WHEREAS, more than 80 volunteers provided over 4,000 hours of service in the last year, enriching lives of the residents and patients; and

WHEREAS, the success of South Peninsula Hospital and Long Term Care 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 and Long Term Care deserve regard and appreciation for providing care for our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Navarre, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim that the borough recognizes the week of May 8-14 as:

National Hospital and Nursing Home Weeks

in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and express my great appreciation for all the individuals, facilities, and technologies that make the healthcare possible at South Peninsula Hospital and Long Term Care.



Mike Navarre
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor

