

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-49

Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mary K. Brown

A RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CELEBRATING SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CENTER ON BEING NAMED THE 2022 RECIPIENT OF THE BEREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEGACY AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Berea Chamber of Commerce holds an annual Grindstone Award Banquet for the purpose of honoring, recognizing and celebrating outstanding members, organizations and businesses within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Berea Chamber of Commerce Legacy Award recognizes and celebrates long-standing businesses who have had a significant and positive impact on our community; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the 2022 Legacy Award is Southwest General Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Southwest General Health Center was founded in 1920 by local residents, including six Doctors, in response to a flu epidemic when it became clear that a local hospital was of paramount necessity, and was originally known as Sprague House, located in the home of local resident M. A. Sprague; and

WHEREAS, within 5 years, Sprague House expanded to a new building on the corner of Bagley Road and Front Street, operating in this location as the Berea Community Hospital, the Southwest Community Hospital and then Southwest General Hospital, as it served and supported six local communities including Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township and Strongsville; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Southwest General Hospital opened on its current site where, after several expansions, it now has a capacity of 363 beds and, in 1994, changed its name to Southwest General Health Center in order to reflect its growing role in promoting wellness in the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, Southwest General Health Center has received numerous awards and accolades for the excellent care they provide to patients and was, in 2022, named one of the top workplaces in the USA; and

WHEREAS, the current President and CEO of Southwest General Health Center is William A. Young who, with more than 30 years of health system and community hospital leadership experience, has been at the helm since January of 2016, navigating the Health Center and member communities through the Covid-19 pandemic with kindness, compassion, proficiency and a genuine care for the community; and

WHEREAS, Southwest General's roots run deep in Berea, and the Health Center continues to make the City a better and healthier place in which to live, work and thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the President and all Members of Council do hereby honor and celebrate Southwest General Health Center on being named the 2022 recipient of the Berea Chamber of Commerce Legacy Award, and extend our sincere appreciation to the Health Center for providing our residents with over a century's worth of outstanding medical care.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the approval of this Resolution were approved in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: October 17, 2022

_____, President of Council

ATTEST:

_____, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: October 17, 2022

_____, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____, Director of Law