

**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5

DATE: July 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Approve a Commendation congratulating the Tahoe Forest Hospital on the Grand Opening of the new Gene Upshaw Memorial Cancer Center.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation congratulating the Tahoe Forest Hospital on the Grand Opening of the new Gene Upshaw Memorial Cancer Center.

BACKGROUND

Tahoe Forest Hospital, originally opened in 1952, as a 25-bed, full-service, not-for-profit health care facility. It serves a wide range of patients of the Truckee and North Lake Tahoe area, and tourists and travelers from around the world. Tahoe Forest Hospital provides its patients with highly personalized care, state-of-the-art medical technology and a knowledgeable professional staff. The hospital is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected by voters of the Tahoe Forest Hospital District.

In 2006, the Tahoe Forest Cancer Center opened its doors. Led by Medical Director, Laurence Heifetz, MD, FACP, and Medical Oncologist Hematologist, Ahrin Koppel, MD, the mission of Tahoe Forest Cancer Center is to provide the highest quality cancer treatment and care to patients, using the most appropriate and current cancer therapies available in an honest, supportive, compassionate and respectful manner.

In 2007, the voters of the Tahoe Forest Hospital District voted overwhelmingly to assess a general obligation bond in the amount of \$98.5 million for campus improvements, including expanding cancer care. Among other services, the new Cancer Center building will house radiation oncology services for the first time in the Truckee-Tahoe community.

Tahoe Forest Cancer Center is a proud member of the UC Davis Cancer Care Network which features a unique collaboration of California rural cancer centers linked together and with leading cancer researchers and specialists. Rural patients can receive cancer treatment close to home, while gaining access to the latest clinical trials and diagnostic techniques.

UC Davis Cancer Center is a designated National Cancer Institute (NCI) affiliate, recognized for its leadership and excellence in cancer care and treatment. This affiliation is now considered a sustainable model for high-quality cancer care that overcomes geographic, cultural and financial barriers.

Tahoe Forest Hospital was recently named one of the top 100 critical access hospitals in the United States from the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). Only four California hospitals made the Top 100.

FISCAL IMPACT

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July 10, 2012 in the matter of commendation congratulating the Tahoe Forest Hospital on the Grand Opening of the Gene Upshaw Memorial Tahoe Forest Cancer Center.

WHEREAS, Tahoe Forest Hospital, originally opened in 1952, as a 25-bed, full-service, not-for-profit health care facility. It serves a wide range of patients of the Truckee and North Lake Tahoe area, and tourists and travelers from around the world. Tahoe Forest Hospital provides its patients with highly personalized care, state-of-the-art medical technology and a knowledgeable professional staff; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that the Placer County Board of Supervisors would like to recognize the Tahoe Forest Hospital on their contribution to the community and expanded cancer treatments that can now be offered to the residence of the Tahoe area. The Board of Supervisors are proud and honored to commend them on the Grand Opening of their new Cancer Center Building.

Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor, District 5
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