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Commissioners Mark St. Luke's Warren Hospital Centennial

(PHILLIPSBURG, NJ – May 20, 2021) – One hundred years ago, a planned new medical facility received its charter as The Maternity Hospital and Infanorium of Warren County, NJ.

Now known as St. Luke's Warren Hospital, the facility is celebrating a century of service to the Phillipsburg area, a milestone that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners marked with a proclamation this week.

County Commissioners Director James R. Kern III, liaison to the Phillipsburg area and for public health, presented the proclamation to Scott Wolfe, President of St. Luke's Warren Campus, in the lobby of the hospital on Roseberry Street.

"Warren Hospital has been a steadfast partner in our community for a century. Having their top-level staff and facilities has been a blessing and ever did it show the past year fighting this pandemic," Kern said.

"The St. Luke's network continues to make investments in our county and I know they will be here helping and serving our residents for the next 100 years," Kern added.

"We appreciate all the relationships we have in this county," Wolfe said as he thanked the county commissioners for recognizing the hospital's centennial.

"I think the biggest silver lining that we have as a result of the challenges brought on by the pandemic is that we've gotten to know each other even more so, and we've learned how to collaborate even more than we had in the past. That's all good for the local community and we look for that to continue going forward," Wolfe remarked.

"As a health care provider and major employer in Warren County, St. Luke's Warren is so important to us. They have been a great partner during COVID and I wish them many more years of successful operation," said County Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski.

The hospital is the largest employer in Phillipsburg, and the second-largest in all of Warren County.

"St. Luke's Warren Hospital is the foundation of south Warren County healthcare. We are grateful for their commitment to our county and residents and hope they have at least another 100 years of success ahead," added County Commissioner Lori Ciesla.

After its initial chartering on May 13, 1921, the hospital opened its doors on Wilbur Avenue in Phillipsburg in 1923 and changed its name to Warren Hospital. It operated there until December 1958 when it moved to its present location at 185 Roseberry Street.

In February 2012, the facility joined the St. Luke's University Health Network to become St. Luke's Warren Hospital. SLUHN has continued to invest in the Phillipsburg campus as well as other facilities nearby.

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COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF ST. LUKE'S WARREN HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, on May 13, 1921, The Maternity Hospital and Infanorium of Warren County, NJ received its charter, which was amended in January 1923 changing the name to Warren Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the first patient was admitted to the original facility on Wilbur Avenue in Phillipsburg in 1923 and the hospital operated there until December 1958 when it moved to its present location at 185 Roseberry Street, where over the years it has continued to expand, modernize, and increase its services to the public; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2012, Warren Hospital joined the St. Luke's University Health Network and became St. Luke's Warren Hospital, with continued significant investments in the infrastructure of the main campus to bring it up to current standards, while also developing new satellite campuses, and expanding the breadth and depth of the medical staff, assuring that St. Luke's Warren can deliver best practice clinical outcomes and patient experiences to a growing number of patients; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Warren Hospital is a 198-bed not-for-profit general acute care hospital that serves the western and southern half of Warren County and parts of northwestern Hunterdon County, NJ, and eastern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, with approximately 700 full- and part-time employees, St. Luke's Warren is the largest employer in the Phillipsburg area and the second largest in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Warren is proud of its CMS 5 Star Rating, Leap Frog Group "A" rating (top performer) and other industry awards reflective of these investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize and congratulate St. Luke's Warren Hospital on its centennial, while looking ahead to many more years of service to the community.

James R. Kern III, Director
Jason J. Sarnoski, Deputy Director
Lori Ciesla, Commissioner
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