



A PROCLAMATION

In the late nineteenth century, the Sisters of Mercy came to the Arizona territory to open Sacred Heart School. During their efforts to open the school, they saw many city residents dying on the streets of Phoenix with tuberculosis. They quickly opened a six-room cottage to care for the sick and dying. In 1895, the Sisters of Mercy established St. Joseph's Hospital out of compassion for those in need.

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, one of Phoenix's largest hospital with nearly 600 beds, is part of CommonSpirit Health, one of the largest healthcare systems in the country, located in 21 states. CommonSpirit Health, seeks to improve the health of all the people it serves, especially those who are vulnerable, while at the same time, advancing social justice for all.

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center provides world-class care through the internationally renowned Barrow Neurological Institute, the Norton Thoracic Institute, the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center, The Cancer Center, the Heart & Vascular Institute, and Level I Trauma Services. It employs more than 5,500 people; has more than 800 volunteers; has more than 1,300 credentialed community physicians, including more than 200 residents and fellows.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE GALLEGO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, in accordance with the law, do hereby proclaim March 19, 2020 as

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER DAY

in the City of Phoenix today and encourage all residents to commemorate the hospital's 125 years of service to the Phoenix community.