

Mayoral Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Sisters of Misericordia arrived from Canada in 1910 and opened the Misericordia Hospital at 22nd and Juneau, later moving to 22nd and Kilbourn; and

WHEREAS, by the 1950s, as the city and the hospital grew, the Sisters bought a 230-acre estate in Brookfield; and

WHEREAS, after years of planning and building, on **September 8, 1969**, the Sisters opened their new hospital – Elmbrook Memorial - with an original medical staff of 10 physicians; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Misericordia Sisters transferred ownership of their full-service hospital to the Wheaton Franciscan System, which later merged into the Covenant Healthcare System in 1993 and Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare in 2006. In March 2016, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare joined Ascension, keeping the hospital in the Catholic health care tradition; and

WHEREAS, Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital - Elmbrook Campus currently has a medical staff of 574 physicians and employs 600 associates providing compassionate and personalized care for our community, with special attention to those who are poor and most vulnerable; and

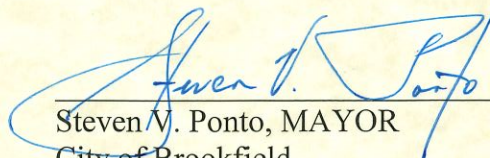
WHEREAS, Ascension Elmbrook has a number of notable programs including: Center of Excellence for Bariatric (Weight Loss) Surgery; Center of Excellence for Joint Replacement Surgery; 2 cardiac catheterization labs and a state of the art Stereotactic Cardiac Electrophysiology Lab; an active Cardiac Surgery program performing both valve replacements and bypass grafts; and Cancer Center with radiation therapy, chemotherapy and brachytherapy on site; and

WHEREAS, Ascension Elmbrook serves the greater Brookfield area with: 166 licensed beds; 10-bed Intensive Care Unit; Family Birth Center averaging 500 deliveries per year; 15-bed newly remodeled Emergency Department that averages 12,000 visits per year; 10 operating rooms, averaging 6,000 surgeries per year with a newly remodeled day surgery area; Advanced O arm and Stealth guidance for complex cranial neurosurgery; and a full suite of diagnostic radiology services including MRI, CT, US and Interventional Radiology;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven V. Ponto, Mayor of the City of Brookfield, do hereby congratulate Ascension Elmbrook as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary; commend it for the health care services it provides to our community; and wish it continuing success.



Signed and sealed this 9th day of September,
in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.


Steven V. Ponto, MAYOR
City of Brookfield