

RESOLUTION NO. 69 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN – SHREVEPORT FOR 100 YEARS OF PROVIDING LIFE-CHANGING CARE TO CHILDREN, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

COUNCILMEMBER: JOHN NICKELSON

WHEREAS, the Shriners fraternity has always shared a desire to help those in need, and in 1921, the fraternity made the momentous decision to create a hospital designed for kids with orthopedic conditions; and

WHEREAS, led by Shriner and Shreveport businessman James Rowland, Louisiana Shriners proposed to bring the first hospital to Shreveport, having secured land, funding, and an orthopedic surgeon; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, construction began on the first Shriners Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. It was the perfect location; an underserved city surrounded by farming communities; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1922, hundreds gathered to witness the placing of the cornerstone of the first Shriners Children's hospital; and

WHEREAS, the first patient, a little girl with clubfoot, was seen on Sept. 16, 1922; and

WHEREAS, since opening their first hospital in 1922, they have been devoted to providing high-quality specialty medical care to the children and families who come to them, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status; and

WHEREAS, what began as a single hospital is now a world-renowned healthcare system, although much has changed from technology, medical breakthroughs, the polio vaccine, and other transformations, the mission of Shriners Children's has remained the same; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Children's three-part mission has one goal: to change and improve lives. They do this by caring for their patients, conducting research to gain knowledge and develop new treatments, and providing educational opportunities for physicians and other healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, at Shriners Children's, they are committed to improving children's lives every day, their compassionate, wrap-around care envelops each patient in a supportive and loving environment that helps them thrive.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, acting in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the City Council hereby celebrates Shriners Hospitals for Children – Shreveport for 100 years of providing life-changing care to children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Shreveport, and the other resolution filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM: