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A RESOLUTION BY VIRGINIA GARCIA MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER

WHEREAS, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center (VGMHC) is a health center that serves and protects its patients regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, VGMHC welcomes patients from all backgrounds regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, VGMHC believes that access to quality health care is a right; and

WHEREAS, VGMHC recognizes that these are uncertain times and as such it is critical that our patients understand we stand with them; and

WHEREAS, all VGMHC clinics and School-Based Health Centers are considered a “safe haven” for our patients and their private information; and

WHEREAS, while we recognize that the State of Oregon, Washington County and Yamhill County all have Sanctuary Resolutions, we believe it is the responsibility of each individual city to also declare sanctuary status to the members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, while we have no desire to cause the cities of Washington and Yamhill counties to jeopardize their federal support, we still call upon them to reaffirm the commitment to providing a safe community for all individuals, regardless of ethnicity or immigration status by declaring their city a Sanctuary City; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, encourages the cities where our clinics exist to remain a city of refuge by maintaining the distinction and separation between local law enforcement authority and federal immigration authority and declaring themselves a Sanctuary City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center condemns, in the strongest of terms, possible attacks against immigrant families and calls upon the cities of Washington and Yamhill counties to support Federal comprehensive immigration reform that in the words of Representative Nancy Pelosi, “is humane, does not divide families, and addresses the growing disconnect between our nation’s policy and the reality on the ground in cities and communities across our state.”

Passed unanimously by the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center Board of Directors, December 21, 2016.