

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PLACERVILLE PAYING HONOR TO AND CELEBRATING  
THE 38-YEAR CAREER OF JAMES T. WHIPPLE**

**WHEREAS**, James was born in Arlington, VA on October 1, 1954; and as a military child, James lived in many different countries growing up; and

**WHEREAS**, James was a high school and college wrestler, and lettered in 5 sports in high school; and

**WHEREAS**, he was accepted into 5 different universities and chose Chico State University for his Bachelor's Degree and received a Master's Degree in finance from the University of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, James met his wife, Deborah, while they were in college and have been married since 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, James traveled to Africa to adopt a child and ended up adopting two sons, carrying them home in his arms on the 58 hour plane trip; and

**WHEREAS**, James and Deborah now have two grown sons, two grown daughters and one grand-daughter; and

**WHEREAS**, James started his career in healthcare as the Controller at Rideout Hospital in Marysville where he worked for 3 years; and

**WHEREAS**, James was hired as the Chief Financial Officer for Marshall Medical Center in January, 1982, by then-CEO Frank Nachtman; and

**WHEREAS**, James and Frank worked together for 22 years and when Frank retired, James was promoted to the CEO of Marshall Medical Center in October, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, during James's tenure at Marshall Medical Center, Marshall Hospital grew from 90 beds to 125 beds and opened 20 clinics around the Western Slope of El Dorado County; and

**WHEREAS**, when James joined Marshall Medical Center, it employed roughly 360 employees and, today, Marshall Medical Center employs nearly 1,700 people in its many facilities around the Western Slope; and

**WHEREAS**, under James's leadership, Marshall Medical Center was recognized with a CMS 5-Star for Overall Hospital Quality in 2018; Healthgrades top 10% Hospital in the Nation for Outstanding Patient Experience in 2018; and American Heart Association's Stroke Gold Plus in 2015 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, James served as an at-large trustee on the California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (CAHHS) Board of Trustees from 2009-2014; and

**WHEREAS**, James's clear-eyed vision and steady hand have ensured the financial stability of one of California's last not-for-profit, independent hospitals

and leaves a legacy of high-quality, compassionate care for El Dorado County residents and visitors for the next generation to continue; and

**WHEREAS**, James has always unselfishly given of his time often performing not only his duties but that of other employees at Marshall when they were not available; and

**WHEREAS**, under James' leadership, Marshall Medical Center has developed a culture of compassion and caring that extends from its patients to its staff and is the envy of other healthcare providers; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure at Marshall, James has always emphasized the health needs of the residents of Placerville and the Western Slope of El Dorado County:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael Saragosa, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Placerville, State of California, urge all citizens to join me in congratulating James for his outstanding 38-year career with Marshall Medical Center and wishing him many continued years of happiness and good health.

Date: January 14, 2020

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Mayor Michael Saragosa