

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2020-092

Approving the Honorary Naming of the Southwest Corner of Harden Street and Washington Street "Columbia Hospital Way"

WHEREAS, in 1892 a charter was issued establishing the Columbia Hospital in the City almshouse to provide medical attention to the poor. The first brick building was erected in 1893 and the first patient was admitted on November 2, 1893; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbia Hospital began to thrive and grow to serve the needs of the community, and in 1897 opened the first nursing program that was influential in establishing the South Carolina State Nurses Association; and,

WHEREAS, by 1933 the hospital expanded to 275 beds and offered weekday clinics. In 1934 the hospital admitted the first African American patient to one of the hospitals most modern facilities in the 75-bed West Wing and in 1935 organized a school of nursing for African American students and staffed and housed African American students at the dormitory called the Nurses' Home on Laurens Street; and,

WHEREAS, in 1943 a new 165-bed unit and pediatric department were built for African American patients; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia Hospital became the first hospital in the City to end a dual system of health care and reassessed its staffing and admissions policies to reflect changes enacted by 1960's Civil Rights legislation; and,

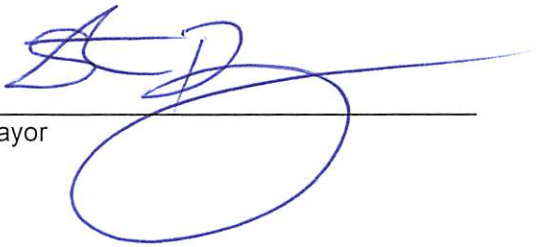
WHEREAS, by 1965 a bond was issued for the purchase of a 50-acre tract for the construction of a 300-bed hospital to meet the growing needs of the residents of the Columbia area. The new facility opened in 1972 and was renamed Richland Memorial Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, the impact the Columbia Hospital had on the health and welfare of the African American Community as well as the advancement of African Americans into nursing and medical profession continues to serve as a reminder today; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 20th day of October, 2020, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia hereby approve the honorary naming of the Southwest Corner of Washington Street and Harden Street be named "Columbia Hospital Way." The design and color of the honorary toppers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:

Councilmember McDowell



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

T. A. Knox



City Clerk

City Attorney
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