SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #1 San Juan Island Emergency Medical Services

RESOLUTION 21-561

A RESOLUTION OF SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 TO WITHDRAW FROM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 AND SIGNED ON JULY 28, 2021,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 ("Hospital District") signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 3 ("Fire District") on July 28, 2021, to integrate and combine San Juan Island EMS with the Fire District, titled "Memorandum of Understanding between San Juan Fire Protection District No. 3 and Public Hospital District No. 1 Regarding Integration of Fire and Emergency Medical Services for San Juan Island."

WHEREAS, an EMS levy ballot measure was placed on the November 2, 2021 election by the Fire District with the consent of the Hospital District, and was given support consistent with the Hospital District's intent to see integration take place,

WHEREAS, the ballot measure on November 2, 2021, failed to pass the required 60% super majority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 that:

- 1) The San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 Board of Commissioners hereby withdraws in its entirety from the MOU titled "Memorandum of Understanding between San Juan Fire Protection District No. 3 and Public Hospital District No. 1 Regarding Integration of Fire and Emergency Medical Services for San Juan Island," and notice is hereby given consistent with section 9.1 (see attached letter).
- 2) Any further effort to effectuate the integration of EMS and Fire services within our District is without our consent or approval.

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ADOPTED and APPROVED this 17 Hay of November 2021.
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November 18, 2021

Chairman Bob Jarman San Juan Island Fire and Rescue 1011 Mullis St., Friday Harbor, WA 98250

RE: Notice of Termination for MOU Dated July 28, 2021

Dear Valued Commissioners:

This letter is to advise you that in light of the November 2nd ballot measure failure of the San Juan Island Fire and Rescue levy we have decided not to further pursue integration. This letter is notice that on November 17, 2021, we have rescinded our MOU with San Juan Island Fire and Rescue dated July 28, 2021.

We have decided to continue to work with our professional staff and healthcare partners to manage publicly funded healthcare for our community ranging from prehospital emergency care to end of life care, and the needs in between. We will continue to do this in a way that is transparent, fiscally responsible, cooperative, and collaborative with our healthcare partners.

The hospital district looks forward to continuing to serve our community in a collaborative and respectful way with San Juan Island Fire and Rescue and to build improved professional relationships based on mutual respect and a commitment to serve our residents before, during, and after times of crisis.

Thank you for your continuing professional firefighting and rescue service on behalf of our community.

Sincerely,

The Board of Commissioners