## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

## San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1

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San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1 (the "District") put forth this ballot measure to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$0.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026), compared to \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation being collected this year, which would be used to establish the base amount for calculating 1% increases in the future.

This levy is the primary funding source for medical services provided by the District, including emergency medical services, a long-term care facility, and at-home care services, as well as financially supporting clinic and hospital services at PeaceHealth Peace Island Medical Center and other local providers. In the absence of voter approval, the District may only increase its annual revenue by 1% over the prior year, which does not keep pace with the rising cost of providing medical services.

Approval of this proposition would allow the District to maintain the level of services it provides. Rejection of this proposition will impact the District's ability to continue the level of services.

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