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## In Times of Great Need, Hospitals are a Local Lifeline

Reeves County Hospital District celebrates National Hospital Week.

PECOS, Texas (May 4, 2020) – Hospitals play a critical role in our health and wellness all year long. In extraordinary times like these, the importance of a robust medical system is clearer than ever.

To celebrate the medical providers and staff on the front lines of a national health emergency, Reeves County Hospital District is observing National Hospital Week (May 10-16) to honor the hospitals and providers who work tirelessly for the health of their communities.

"We celebrate Hospital Week each year, but this time it takes on special meaning," said Brenda McKinney, CEO of Reeves County Hospital District. "Hospitals across the country have been working around the clock to protect their communities and care for the sick. Medical teams and staff embody the spirit of service."

National Hospital Week is a nationwide campaign during which hospitals across the nation celebrate healthcare professionals and their services. During the COVID-19 health emergency, Hospital Week is a chance to show appreciation for the critical roles that hospitals and medical teams play in communities across the country.

According to McKinney, Reeves County Hospital District has played a crucial role in protecting the local community.

"Our medical team has been working closely with state and federal health officials to ensure that we are able to respond to COVID-19 and provide the healthcare services and information our community needs," she said. "Protecting your health and safety is our top priority."

Reeves County Hospital District, which has operated in Pecos since 1954, offers 24-hour emergency care, a clinical laboratory, imaging services, physical therapy, home health and hospice, dialysis and a rural health clinic staffed with a variety of medical providers in various specialties. Services offered include family practice, surgical services, obstetrics and gynecology, nephrology and more.

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McKinney noted that hospitals serve as vital lifelines, especially in small communities where driving long distances to larger cities is a burden.

"Over the past few years, many healthcare rural facilities have cut back on services or shut altogether," McKinney said. "Their loss is acutely felt during times of need. We are fortunate to have a robust and growing team of medical providers and healthcare services right here in the community."

The hospital recently began construction of a replacement hospital facility, which will allow RCHD to grow with the community and provide important healthcare services for years to come.

"We are more than just a healthcare provider," McKinney continued. "We are committed to caring for our neighbors. Whether during a public health emergency or for everyday medical needs, you can count on compassionate and professional providers right here in Pecos."

To learn more about local healthcare services or to find a provider, visit <u>www.reevescountyhospital.com</u> or call 432-447-3551 to schedule an appointment.

## **About Reeves County Hospital District**

Reeves County Hospital District (RCHD) provides healthcare services for people in Reeves County and neighboring communities in West Texas. Founded in 1954, RCHD, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers a wide variety of medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic radiology, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory and more. RCHD also operates American Home Health and Hospice and the Pecos Valley Rural Health Clinic, which offers family care, immunizations and other medical services. For more information, please visit <u>www.reevescountyhospital.com</u>.

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