CERTIFICATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF NUECES §

I, **Jonny F. Hipp**, Administrator/CEO and Secretary of the Board of Managers of the Nueces County Hospital District, do hereby certify that I have examined the petition requesting an election on the closing of Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial (formerly known as Memorial Medical Center) received by the Nueces County Hospital District on October 16, 2014.

According to information provided by the Voter Registration Office, there were 186,559 registered voters of the Nueces County Hospital District as of August 18, 2014, the most recent official list of registered voters. Section 285.052, *Texas Health and Safety Code*, states that the governing body of the hospital district shall order and conduct an election on the sale or closing of a hospital if, before the 31st day after the date the governing body orders the sale or closing, the governing body receives a petition requesting the election signed by at least 10 percent of the qualified voters of the hospital district, such voters being determined by the most recent official list of registered voters.

Section 277.0024, *Texas Election Code*, states that voters whose names appear on the list of registered voters with the notation "S", or a similar notation must be excluded from the computation to determine the 10 percent of the qualified voters of the hospital district. There were 25,089 voters on the list of registered voters provided by the Voter Registration Office with the notation "S". Therefore, 10 percent of the qualified voters would be 16,147.

The petition submitted contained 7,306 signatures. Thus, I hereby certify that the petition received on October 16, 2014 did <u>not</u> meet the statutory requirement of at least 10 percent of qualified voters of the hospital district.

SIGNED IN THE OFFICES OF THE NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, this the 17^{th} day of October , 2014.

Jonny F. Hipp, ScD, FACHE Secretary, Board of Managers Nueces County Hospital District

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