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MEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

August 9, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Springfield, IL 62761

RE:

PROJECT # 11044

Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a priest in residence at Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary in Bourbonnais and as a member of the Provena St. Mary's Hospital Board of Directors, I am pleased to give my support of the merger between Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

For more than 125 years, Provena Health ministries, including Provena St. Mary's Hospital, have existed for the sole purpose of caring for all those we are privileged to serve, with special attention to the poor and vulnerable. It's a commitment that's at the core of our Mission: to build communities of healing and hope by compassionately responding to human need in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

A merger with Resurrection Health Care will allow PSMH to continue to expand our clinical offerings and our expert care team in order to best serve those who depend on us for care. While this means great things for people throughout the greater Kankakee area, the impact of a merger will be felt across a vast portion of our state. In fact, more than 4.5 million people who live in areas served by Provena and Resurrection will benefit from transformative healthcare delivered with compassion, dignity and respect at every stage of life.

Please approve the Certificate of Need application for the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Sincerely,

( Rev.) James E. Michaletz, CSV