



## Official Proclamation City of Hastings, Michigan




### Congratulations on the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Spectrum Health Pennock

- WHEREAS:** On August 30, 1923, Pennock Hospital opened its new 28-bed facility; and
- WHEREAS:** The dream of simple farmers, influential community leaders, and committed community members has not only filled a critical need over the years, it's also led to impressive growth. Building additions, equipment breakthroughs, and significant additions in professional expertise and care have made today's hospital an admired community resource featuring general, orthopedic and robotic surgery, primary care, urgent and emergency care, women's services, a cancer center, physical therapy, health and wellness center and senior living complex; and
- WHEREAS:** Legendary community leader R.B. Messer insisted that the contribution of those simple farmers, Eben and Elvira, who dedicated their hard-earned savings to a modern hospital be forever memorialized in its name, Pennock Hospital; and
- WHEREAS:** In May 2015, the hospital leveraged its inspirational story by merging with the Grand Rapids-based Spectrum Health System offering a continuation of that dream of simple farmers Eben and Elvira Pennock back in 1913: to offer access to more local health services; and
- WHEREAS:** The retention of the hospital's original name in the newly-merged Spectrum Health Pennock title honors the historic development of a valued community resource; it also recognizes the honor of people whose focus was always on the success of others; and
- WHEREAS:** Pennock hospital has grown and is now part of one of the nation's 15 Top Health Systems® by Truven Health Analytics with the vision to be the leader in health care by 2020; and
- WHEREAS:** Celebrating 95 years of dedication to the residents of greater Barry County; and
- WHEREAS:** With the mission to improve the health of the communities served by Spectrum Health Pennock;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I, Mayor David J. Tossava, on behalf of the City of Hastings and the Hastings City Council do hereby wish to congratulate the Spectrum Health Pennock on their 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for their unwavering and dedicated commitment to the health, well-being and satisfaction of all who call the Hastings home.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Hastings, Michigan, to be affixed this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.

  
David J. Tossava, Mayor