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Engineers and Scientists of California Local 20 Unanimously Endorse New Contract with Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital

June 10, 2023 – Hollister, Calif. – Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital (HHMH) and the San Benito Health Care District (District) announces today that they have received unanimous approval from the Engineers and Scientists of California Local 20 (ESC Local 20) regarding a new labor agreement.

The decision by ESC Local 20 marks the first union to agree to a new contract since HHMH filed for Chapter 9 Bankruptcy. ESC Local 20 represents approximately 17 employees at HHMH.

“We are pleased with the outcome of our negotiations with ESC,” said Mary Casillas, Interim CEO for Hazel Hawkins. “This agreement takes us another step closer to financial solvency as we look forward to the future of healthcare in San Benito County.”

The agreement provides clarity on a number of issues including safeguarding current pensions and Personal Time Off (PTO) accrual as well as new medical benefits packages for its members. ESC is the first union to agree to a new contract since the Chapter 9 filing in May of this year.

HHMH continues to seek either a strategic partner or buyer to help secure access to quality healthcare in the community now and into the future.

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About Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital

Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital is a full-service, public agency hospital delivering modern medicine and compassionate care to the growing San Benito County community. HHMH offers hundreds of health services across multiple locations, including top-tier specialists, a modern Emergency Department, and a state-of-the-art Women’s Center. To learn more about Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital and the Hazel Hawkins Hospital Foundation, please visit www.hazelhawkins.com.