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Local HSHS Hospitals Honor Military Volunteers with Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve

(BREESE, GREENVILLE, HIGHLAND, IL) – To honor their colleagues who serve as volunteers in branches of the military, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospitals in Breese and Highland and HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville joined with the Illinois Employer of the Guard and Reserve organization in signing a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve.

The Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR) is an organization that works with the military and family members of those that serve. In addition, the Illinois ESGR supports employers by encouraging them to act as advocates for employee participation in the military, as supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the Nation's Guard and Reserve units. Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) employs hundreds of colleagues that have served in the military for the United States.

The Statement of Support reads in part that HSHS St. Joseph's Hospitals in Breese and Highland and HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville join other employers in pledging that:

- They will provide their managers and supervisors with the tools they need to effectively manage those employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.
- They appreciate the values, leadership and unique skills Service members bring to the workforce and will encourage opportunities to employ Guardsmen, Reservists, transitioning Service members and Veterans.
- They will continually recognize and support the country's Service members and their families in peace, in crisis and in war.

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Jed Driemeyer, director of human resources for the three hospitals, shared why signing the Statement of Support on behalf of the hospitals was important to him. “The men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession,” said Driemeyer. “They deserve our support for the sacrifice they are willing to make on behalf of our freedom.”

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PHOTO CAPTION 1 (St. Joseph’s Breese): Leadership members of HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital Breese recently joined with the Illinois Employer of the Guard and Reserve organization in signing a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. At the signing were (left to right) Alan Buckner, veterans business specialist for the Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves organization; Chris Govero, director of operations; Melissa Cates, director of quality; Chris Klay, president and CEO; Zach Yoder, chief nursing officer; Jed Driemeyer, director of human resources and Christy Silvey, human resources manager for HSHS and employer outreach director for the Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves organization.

PHOTO CAPTION 1 (Holy Family Greenville): Members of HSHS Holy Family Hospital’s leadership recently joined with the Illinois Employer of the Guard and Reserve organization in signing a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. At the signing were (left to right) Alan Buckner, veterans business specialist for the Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves organization; Chris Govero, director of operations; Carol Dodson, chief nursing officer; Melissa Cates, director of quality; Jed Driemeyer, director of human resources; Mark Ennen, director of finance for St. Joseph’s Highland and Christy Silvey, human resources manager for HSHS and employer outreach director for the Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves organization.

PHOTO CAPTION 1 (St. Joseph’s Highland): Leadership members of HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital Highland recently joined with the Illinois Employer of the Guard and Reserve organization in signing a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. At the signing were (left to right) Alan Buckner, veterans business specialist for the Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves organization; Teresa Cornelius, chief nursing officer; Chris Govero, director of operations; Melissa Cates, director of quality; John Ludwig, president and CEO; Mark Ennen, director of finance; Jed Driemeyer, director of human resources and Christy Silvey, human resources manager for HSHS and employer outreach director for the Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves organization.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

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