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Prosser Memorial Health to Break Ground on New Hospital Complex

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- November 18, 2022, Prosser, WA- Prosser Memorial Health has received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Washington State Department of Health (WADOH), and the City of Prosser, to move forward on the \$112 million new hospital project and will break ground at 11 am on November 29, 2022. The new hospital site is located on the northeast corner of North Gap Road and I-82.

Financing for this project was made possible with a \$73.5 million guaranteed loan from the USDA, a \$1 million USDA grant, \$27 million in cash from Prosser Memorial Health, and \$3 million from the Prosser Memorial Health Foundation. The hospital will not bring a levy or bond to taxpayers to help fund this project. All financing will come from the USDA loan, Prosser Memorial Health, and the Prosser Memorial Health Foundation.

The new hospital complex will be located on 33 acres north of Interstate 82. The USDA loan will offset much of the cost and Prosser Memorial Health Foundation will continue its capital campaign to raise \$3 million for the new hospital project.

Prosser Memorial Health is celebrating 75 years of providing compassionate, high-quality care to its patients and the communities served. Prosser Memorial Health grew out of a need for the immediate availability of local medical care for veterans returning from World War II. In December 1947, Prosser Memorial Hospital opened. As our community has grown, so have the needs for more local, exceptional healthcare.

The current facility is aging, and the location leaves no room for expansion. Building a new hospital is both a more efficient and cost-effective option. Some of the new hospital features will include more needed space, state-of-the-art surgical suites, an expanded cardiology department, new birthing suites, and all inpatient rooms will be private.

Media representatives are invited to the groundbreaking ceremony at 11:00am on Tuesday, November 29th in Prosser. A reception will immediately follow at Desert Wind Winery. To learn more about the new hospital or groundbreaking ceremony, call Prosser Memorial Health Community Relations and Foundation Director Shannon Hitchcock at 509.786.6601. Donations for the project are being accepted online at www.prosserhealth.foundation.

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About Prosser Memorial Health: For 75 years, Prosser Memorial Health has provided high-quality, compassionate, and comprehensive healthcare services to our communities. Service lines include: 24/7 Emergency Department, Orthopedics, Cardiology, Dermatology, General Surgery and ENT/Allergy, Gastroenterology, Urology, Obstetrics and Family Birthplace, Therapy Services, and Primary Care through our local clinics. For more information about Prosser Memorial Health, visit prosserhealth.org.