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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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August 26, 2011

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

RE: PROJECT # 11051
Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

As Will County Executive, I have witnessed first-hand a 35% increase in overall population across our area over the last decade! In fact, more than 675,000 county residents now depend on our high quality health care providers during times of need. For nearly 130 years, Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center (PSJMC) has addressed this growing demand for health services in a cost-effective way, providing care to all patients, including those with Medicaid and Medicare, the insured and the uninsured.

Over the last several years, PSJMC has delivered on its goal of providing high quality care close to home, establishing primary care and immediate care clinics throughout the county, including Channahon, Lockport, Manhattan, New Lenox, Plainfield and more. A merger between Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care will allow PSJMC to continue to enhance services, expand offerings, attract expert physicians and meet the growing needs of those in our communities.

I respectfully urge your approval of the merger application and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive