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## **Reeves Regional Health Celebrates National Hospital Week**

*The local healthcare system joins nationwide observance March 12-18.*

PECOS, Texas (May 6, 2024) – Hospitals are crucial in rural areas like the greater Reeves County region because they offer essential medical services that would otherwise be inaccessible due to geographical barriers. These hospitals act as hubs of healthcare expertise and resources, providing timely interventions to make the difference between life and death in emergencies.

In recognition of the men and women who make Reeves Regional Health an indispensable resource in our community, the local healthcare system is celebrating National Hospital Week (May 12-18) with gratitude and appreciation.

“When I look back on the history of Reeves Regional Health, it’s amazing how much our local hospital has and continues to grow,” says Brenda McKinney, CEO of RRH. “A wealth of medical services are available here in Reeves County, and we must remind locals that a fantastic healthcare facility is right around the corner – in their backyard.”

National Hospital Week is an annual celebration in the United States that honors the more than 5,000 hospitals providing healthcare services nationwide. In addition to promoting health and wellness, these hospitals offer more than 16 million jobs, providing a vital economic lifeline for many communities.

During this special week, hospitals recognize and celebrate the contributions of healthcare professionals, administrators, and volunteers and the services they offer. The event began in 1921 as an initiative of a magazine editor who aimed to educate the public about hospitals' important work.

Reeves County is incredibly fortunate to have access to a hospital, as nearly 30 percent of the counties in Texas lack access to a local hospital. While hospital closures are not unique to Texas, the state has been particularly hit hard by them. It is estimated that 24 rural hospitals across the state have shuttered since 2005, the highest number nationwide.

Despite the statistics, McKinney remains confident in RRH’s ability to continue serving the community for generations. She points to the fact that the replacement hospital campus was realized just two years ago – a feat very few rural communities have achieved in Texas, much less the rest of the U.S.

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“Our old facility was on a lifeline, but thankfully, our community values the importance of local healthcare,” McKinney adds. “Our new facility is an example of what is possible when healthcare leaders and the community come together to create a meaningful partnership.”

The history of healthcare in Pecos dates to the early 1900s, when the first hospital was started from Dr. Jim Camp's home before relocating to an old jail. The first official hospital facility was built in 1929, followed by a county hospital in 1954. In 1978, a newer facility was established, which grew and renovated over time. To meet growing medical needs, a new 140,000-square-foot hospital campus replaced the aging facility in 2022, which is the current home of RRH.

In the spirit of National Hospital Week, McKinney underscores the importance the entire RRH team plays in making local healthcare possible.

“Every single person, at every level of our operations, contributes immensely each day to ensure that our departments and services can provide the healthcare our patients need,” McKinney says. “While we are all proud of our local hospital daily, National Hospital Week is just one way to ensure that our hospital team knows how valued they are.”

To learn more about local medical providers and available healthcare programs and services in Reeves County, please visit [www.reevesregional.com](http://www.reevesregional.com).

### **About Reeves Regional Health**

Reeves Regional Health (RRH), formally known as Reeves County Hospital District, provides healthcare services for Reeves County and neighboring West Texas communities. Founded in 1954, RRH, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers various medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic imaging, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory, and more. RRH also operates Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice and Reeves Regional Rural Health Clinic. In November 2022, RRH began serving patients from a new \$115 million, 140,000-square-foot campus. For more information, please visit [www.reevesregional.com](http://www.reevesregional.com).

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