**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**[*Hospital Name*] Celebrates Inaugural COVID-19 Heroes and Memorial Day with [*Event Name*] on [*Date*]**

**[*City, State*]** **(*Date of media release*) -** In recognition of the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices made by health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, [*Hospital Name*] is proud to host [*event name*] to commemorate Texas’ inaugural COVID-19 Heroes and Memorial Day. Through the passage of House Bill 2166 during the 2023 Texas legislative session, March 4 – the date of the first reported COVID-19 case in Texas in 2020 – will be recognized annually as COVID-19 Heroes and Memorial Day.

The [*event name*] aims to honor and celebrate the frontline health care workers and other essential workers who demonstrated unwavering bravery in the face of a global pandemic and memorialize the 95,000 Texans who died of COVID-19.

**Event Details:**

* **Date:** [*Event Date*]
* **Time:** [*Start Time*] to [*End Time*]
* **Location:** [*Event Location, Address*]
* **Activities:** [*Brief description of scheduled activities, such as awards ceremony, speeches, keynote speeches, etc.*]

COVID-19 Heroes and Memorial Day will feature a series of activities including [*mention any keynote speakers, award ceremonies, performances, or interactive sessions*]. The event will also include [*any additional activities like health workshops, panel discussions, community engagement activities*].

“*Consider including a quote about the relevance of COVID-19 Heroes and Memorial Day and why the hospital is choosing to recognize it from a senior executive from your hospital*,” said [*Name of hospital official*], [*Title*].

The event is open to [*specify who can attend: public, hospital staff, invite-only, etc*.]. [*If applicable, mention any registration details or special instructions for attendees*].

We invite the community and media representatives to join [*hospital name*] in celebrating and acknowledging the local heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic and remember those who lost their lives to COVID-19.

**About [*Hospital Name*]:** [*Provide a brief background about the hospital, its mission, and relevant history. This helps in establishing credibility and context for the event.*]

**For media inquiries, please contact:** [*Contact Name*] [*Title*] [*Phone Number*] [*Email Address*]