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MERCYROCKFORD HEALTH SYSTEM AND CITY OF ROCKFORD OFFICIALLY SIGN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

ROCKFORD, Ill., April 1, 2016 – On March 30, MercyRockford Health System and the City of Rockford officially signed the approved annexation agreement for MercyRockford’s I-90 and Riverside Boulevard property. This paves the way for MercyRockford to begin construction of its new hospital and medical campus, the largest project in Rockford’s history.

“We appreciate the strong showing of support offered by Mayor Morrissey and the Aldermen who voted to approve the annexation agreement on March 21,” said Javon R. Bea, President and CEO of MercyRockford Health System. “Our \$485 million state-of-the-art Riverside Boulevard Hospital and Medical Center Campus, as well as hotel and retail developments on the property, will bring significant economic growth and viability to our region.

Our \$50 million investment in our existing Rockton Avenue campus, as well as the 200,000 square foot building we are providing for economic development and use by nonprofit organizations, will ensure the best healthcare for the residents of the Rockford region.”

”We are very excited to execute the annexation agreement and work with MercyRockford to begin groundbreaking and construction. We will continue to work together to make it happen,” said Mayor Larry Morrissey.

Bea continues, “We’re looking forward to building in Rockford. We are strongly attached to this great community. We have long looked forward to being a vital force in the health and economy of the Rockford region and its residents.”

Construction work has already begun on this site and MercyRockford Health System anticipates a formal groundbreaking ceremony in May with plans to open the hospital campus in 2019.

For more information about MercyRockford Health System, visit MercyRockford.org.

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