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Dosher CEO to Retire, New Chief Executive Officer Appointed

SOUTHPORT, NC – Dr. Brad Hilaman of Dosher Memorial Hospital has announced his plans to retire in December, stepping down as CEO and Chief Medical Officer. Dosher today announced that its Board of Trustees has appointed Lynda Stanley as President and Chief Executive Officer. This leadership transition will become effective upon Dr. Hilaman's retirement in December.

Dr. Hilaman, who has been affiliated with Dosher since 1995, was a well-known and respected Obstetrician and Gynecologist who retired from Dosher's Women's Health Clinic a year ago to focus on his leadership roles at the hospital. He has also been responsible for the direction and management of the hospital's highly successful and award-winning Wound Center. "It has been an honor to serve Dosher both as a healthcare provider and an officer," said Dr. Hilaman. "Healthcare needs strong leadership, and I am confident that Dosher is in an excellent position to continue to provide outstanding care to the community while remaining financially viable under the direction of Ms. Stanley."

Ms. Stanley graduated from UNC Greensboro with a BS in Medical Technology and has a Master's degree in Health Administration from Central Michigan University. She is a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives. Ms. Stanley was COO of Dosher Hospital from 1986 until 2014 when she became President of the hospital's newly formed Foundation. In February of 2020, she was appointed as Interim President of Dosher Memorial Hospital by the Dosher Trustees, and was instated permanently as Hospital President in August of last year.

Ms. Stanley has been a key figure in the success of the Dosher Hospital Foundation and the formation of the Brunswick Wellness Coalition. She has also played a critical role in

successfully navigating the organizational challenges through the COVID pandemic as well as ensuring sound financial stewardship which has enabled the hospital to operate more profitably than it has in over a decade.

"I am humbled by this appointment and look forward to continuing to make a positive impact on our patients, staff, and community," said Ms. Stanley. "It is a privilege to be a part of an organization with the talent of our team members, with their level of investment in quality and excellent patient outcomes. I will do everything I can to empower our people to fulfill their mission to make a difference in the lives of the patients they care for."

"Dr. Hilaman and Ms. Stanley have worked together successfully, to proactively manage the challenges that the healthcare world continues to face, and have exceled at strategically planning for our future," said Dosher Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Howard. "Ms. Stanley is an effective and innovative leader, and we have unreserved confidence that under her direction, Dosher will continue to thrive operationally, financially, and as a top-quality healthcare facility."

About Dosher

Dosher Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit, public, community hospital in Southport, NC and is the only independent critical access hospital in North Carolina. The hospital services Smithville Township – Southport, Bald Head Island, Caswell Beach, Oak Island and St. James – as well as surrounding communities of Brunswick County. For more information, visit <u>http://www.dosher.org</u>.



L – R : Lynda Stanley, President and Designated CEO of Dosher Memorial Hospital Dr. Brad Hilaman, CEO, CMO, Dosher Memorial Hospital

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