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## **Knox County Hospital District Recognizes Doctors Day** *Celebrating Exceptional Medical Staff on March 30*

KNOX CITY, Texas (March 22, 2024) – Knox County Hospital District (KCHD) is proud to honor and recognize the dedication and commitment of our exceptional medical staff on the occasion of Doctors Day, celebrated on March 30, 2024. As we celebrate this special day, we highlight the invaluable contributions of our doctors who work tirelessly to provide high-quality healthcare services to the community.

“Doctors Day is a special opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation for work and dedication of physicians who play a crucial role in promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of individuals and communities,” said Steven Kuehler, CEO of Knox County Hospital District

The origins of Doctors Day can be traced back to March 30, 1933, when Eudora Brown Almond, the wife of a prominent physician, established the first Doctors Day in Winder, Georgia. Mrs. Almond chose March 30 to commemorate the anniversary of the first use of general anesthesia in surgery by Dr. Crawford Long in 1842. In 1958 the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution commemorating Doctors’ Day. With approval of Congress in 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a resolution that officially designated March 30 as National Doctors’ Day.

Reflecting on the importance of this day, Kuehler shared his appreciation for the medical staff and the vital role they play in delivering exceptional patient care. He emphasized the significance of recognizing the efforts of all healthcare professionals in ensuring the well-being of the community.

In the past year, Knox County Hospital District has welcomed two new doctors to its medical staff, enriching the range of healthcare services available to the community. Dr. Kendra D. Williams, a board-certified family practice physician with a specialization in obstetrics, brings a wealth of expertise and experience to our healthcare team. Additionally, Dr. Ruth Ebangit, MD, also a board-certified family practice physician, further enhances our medical staff with her specialized expertise and dedication to patient care.

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Joining the ranks of our medical professionals are long-time members of Knox County, nurse practitioners Chris Scott, FNP-C, Cindy Guess, FNP-C, and James Kirkland, DC, FNP-C. James Kirkland, brings a unique perspective to patient care as a nurse practitioner and a doctor of chiropractic medicine. Together, all of these healthcare professionals contribute to the comprehensive and compassionate healthcare services provided at KCHD.

Knox County Hospital District recognizes and values the hard work and dedication of its entire medical staff, comprising doctors, nurse practitioners, and healthcare professionals across various specialties. The collective efforts of these individuals play a crucial role in ensuring the health and well-being of our community, and their commitment to excellence is truly commendable.

“As KCHD celebrates Doctors Day, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our doctors and invite the community to join us in recognizing their contributions to healthcare. Together, we honor and appreciate the exceptional doctors who make a positive impact on the lives of our patients every day,” said Kuehler.

“We have made a commitment that Knox County Hospital District will continue to grow with our community,” Kuehler says. “By providing superior healthcare services, we can ensure that our neighbors do not have to worry about the stress and inconvenience of travel when they need medical care.”

To learn more about local medical services or to find a provider, contact Knox County Hospital District at 940-657-3535 or visit [www.knoxhospital.org](http://www.knoxhospital.org).

### **About Knox County Hospital District**

Founded in 1926, Knox County Hospital District provides healthcare for residents of Knox County and surrounding areas. The district offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, patient education, and more. For additional information, please call 940-657-3535 or visit [www.knoxhospital.org](http://www.knoxhospital.org).

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