

**Remarks at Holy Cross Hospital's  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception  
January 9, 2013**

**The Honorable Isiah Leggett  
Montgomery County Executive**

Thank you for having me here this evening. There have been a lot of accolades directed at me for the County's work and what we've accomplished together. But in many ways, the credit really goes to my outstanding assistant, known to many of you as Chuck Short. Chuck is a strong advocate for the system and a very strong person in so many ways. He served for many years as the head of Health and Human Services and he knows all of these issues so well.

Let me also acknowledge and thank our community leaders and residents. I want to thank you for your cooperation and support for what is happening here because it is so important to have supporters of the community to understand and appreciate and to work with the hospital in its various expansions and challenges that they've faced over the years.

I also want to add my acknowledgment and thanks to the volunteers of the Board, to the leadership and most especially, Kevin Sexton, whom I regard as one of the most efficient and effective leaders in our community. He has this sort of humble way of approaching things and often times, it may be a little deceptive to some but I've wised up to him, you know! *(smile)*

He has this ability to come in with a soft tone and then he increases the pressure just a little bit more, a little bit more and he uses reasoning and logic and will continue that. When that doesn't work, he brings in the heavy artillery. That is the Sisters of the Holy Cross! So, I say to myself "I better go ahead and act now because the next call I get is probably going to be from the Vatican!"

Kevin, I'm going to ask you and Ms. Rogers to come forward. I have an official proclamation I would like to present on behalf of Montgomery County, Maryland. *(Kevin and Judith approach the podium)*

"WHEREAS, Holy Cross Hospital was founded in Silver Spring by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, admitted its first patients on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1963.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers at Holy Cross Hospital, have consistently built upon the legacy of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, ensuring outstanding and compassionate healthcare for over 50 years.

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Hospital is the leader in innovation and healthcare in the Washington, DC region pioneering in many medical specialists.

WHEREAS, to ensure continued innovation, Holy Cross Hospital establishes and maintains a teaching affiliation to George Washington University Medical School.

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Hospital has effectively responded to the Sisters of the Holy Cross' commitment to Healthcare for the poor, but provided millions of dollars in uncompensated healthcare to the poor and uninsured in the hospital and through community innovation health centers in Silver Spring, Gaithersburg and Aspen Hill.

And WHEREAS, under the leadership of Kevin Sexton, President and CEO, Holy Cross Hospital has been designated a top performing hospital by the Joint Commission on Healthcare Accreditation for two years in a row; the only Maryland hospital to see that honor.

NOW THEREFORE DO I, Isiah Leggett, as County Executive, hereby proclaim Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as Holy Cross Hospital Day in Montgomery County,

This is signed by me, County Executive, Isiah Leggett. Congratulations!