

# 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 525

*Commending Valley Health.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2021

WHEREAS, Valley Health, an association of hospitals serving residents of the Shenandoah region in both the Commonwealth and West Virginia, has provided an invaluable service to the community by facilitating the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Lord Fairfax Health District of the Virginia Department of Health, which represents the City of Winchester and the Counties of Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page, and Warren, Valley Health began administering vaccinations to eligible individuals in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, Valley Health has prioritized vaccinations for residents ages 75 and older; police, fire, and emergency personnel; corrections facility and homeless shelter workers; and child-care and grade school teachers and staff; and

WHEREAS, to promote the health and well-being of the region and to help stem the spread of the disease, Valley Health is administering its COVID-19 vaccines free of charge and without the requirement of health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Valley Health and its partners aim to deliver 1,200 to 1,500 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine daily over the coming months; to ensure their clinics are operated safely and efficiently while accommodating this large influx of patients, individuals will be required to register in advance and to follow additional public health protocols while on site; and

WHEREAS, Valley Health administered its first COVID-19 vaccines at a clinic established in the James R. Wilkins, Jr. Athletics & Events Center at Shenandoah University and will open other points of distribution at the Warren County Health and Human Services Complex in Front Royal, Shenandoah Memorial Hospital in Woodstock, and Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, enabling residents throughout the region to have convenient access to the vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Valley Health is an integral member in the Commonwealth's fight against COVID-19, and the tireless efforts of its frontline workers and staff are an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Valley Health, a distinguished association of hospitals in the Commonwealth and West Virginia, hereby be commended for helping to bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of Valley Health as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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