

RESOLUTION #15-144

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY SUPPORTING
NURSES AT INSPIRA MEDICAL CENTER IN WOODBURY**

WHEREAS, as elected leaders, we are committed to ensuring that the residents of the City of Woodbury, NJ have access to quality health care services; and

WHEREAS, Inspira Medical Center-Woodbury has been providing essential healthcare services to the Woodbury community since it was first founded as Underwood Hospital in 1915; and

WHEREAS, a decade of studies show a direct link between nurse staffing levels and key patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, studies show that unsafe staffing levels negatively affect retention of nursing staff; and

WHEREAS, current hospital regulations in New Jersey, which only set limited standards, have not been updated since 1987; and

WHEREAS, technology, reduced hospital stays, and patient care have undergone drastic changes.

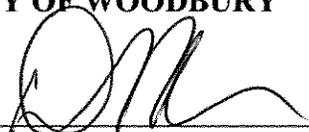
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Woodbury that the Woodbury City Council support S1183/A647, a bill before the New Jersey Legislature that establishes minimum registered professional nurse staffing standards for hospitals and ambulatory surgery facilities and certain Department of Health Services facilities; and

BE IT FFURTHER RESOLVED that as the Elected Municipal Council of the City of Woodbury, Gloucester County, New Jersey we pledge to support the workers at Inspira Medical Center in Woodbury in their efforts to achieve safe staffing.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury held on July 28, 2015.

CITY OF WOODBURY

By:



DAVID TROVATO, President of Council

ATTEST:



Roy A. Duffield, City Clerk