The unnecessary closure of Rockledge Hospital is untenable and a threat to the health and well being of the local communities, and Brevard County at large. Brevard County is growing, not contracting in population.

Rockledge Hospital is a vital resource for the Rockledge, Cocoa, Merritt Island and surrounding communities. The closure of this facility, Emergency Department and its’ outpatient ancillary units, would deliver a devastating blow to citizens for all of Brevard County. This is because other Hospitals, Parrish, Holmes, Viera, Cape Canaveral, and Melbourne would have to absorb huge numbers of medical services that Rockledge provides, yearly.

Approximate volume numbers for Rockledge Hospital ***FY 2023/2024*** are as follows. These numbers are rounded off.

**Admissions**

**Inpatient**: 7300/7600 **Observation Patients**: 2700/2550

For 2024 that’s over 10,000 beds or the need for 1.2 beds every hour!

**Emergency Department visits**

30,850/30,900 Almost 600 per week, 85 per day!

**Surgery**

9500/8940

**ICU admits to a 24 bed ICU**

850/840 or 2.3 new ICU patients on average every day. The County’s ICU beds are already near capacity.

**Cardiac Catheterization Lab procedures**

1100/840 Our Cardiac Lab is very busy,

**OB deliveries**

300/350 Almost one per day, and not all Brevard hospitals have labor and delivery.

**Patient bed days**

36,300/38,600

7000+ yearly **Cardiac Ultrasounds** yearly, or about 20 per day.

Brevard County EMS which handled about 8,400 Rockledge Hospital transports last year of which 100 were STEMI runs, (Acute Heart Attacks due to blocked arteries). EMS will be swamped by calls that need to travel farther, to get to the next closest facility.

Rigs will also spend upwards of 60 more minutes per call if they have to travel farther away. This will severely reduce the number of EMS units available for other calls.