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Steve Purves became President & Chief Executive Officer of Valleywise Health (formerly named Maricopa Integrated Health System) in Phoenix, Arizona in September 2013. Valleywise Health is Arizona's largest and longest serving public teaching hospital and healthcare system and includes the Valleywise Health Medical Center, the Arizona Burn Center, the Arizona Children's Center, a Level I Trauma Center, three inpatient behavioral health centers and a network of 13 Federally Qualified Health Centers that serve Phoenix and Maricopa County. Valleywise Health is part of the Creighton University Arizona Health Education Alliance and has 10 ACGME accredited residency programs with over 350 residents, hundreds of medical student rotations and significant nursing and allied health training programs. Mr. Purves works with the publicly elected five-member Board of Directors who represent the Maricopa

County Special Health Care District, to provide executive leadership for the growth and development of Valleywise Health. Since 2013, Mr. Purves led a \$170 million financial turnaround and helped secure \$935 million in general obligation bonds passed by voter referendum in 2014. These funds allow Valleywise Health to replace aging facilities, including its teaching hospital, and to reinvent its' care model to better serve the public in the years to come.

Mr. Purves is actively involved in the community as an ambassador for Valleywise Health and in a variety of roles outside his health care duties. He serves on the boards of America's Essential Hospitals, the Arizona Hospital and Health Care Association, the Arizona State University Health Advisory Board and Health Futures Council, the Creighton University Arizona Health Education Alliance, Valleywise Health Foundation and the Arizona Chamber of Commerce. He was elected Chairman of the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association in

2017. He is a delegate on the Regional Policy Board of the American Hospital Association and is a member of Greater Phoenix Leadership.

Mr. Purves has over 40 years of service as a health care executive serving in the investor-owned, public, academic and private not-for-profit settings. He has numerous awards and honors; including an appointment by the Secretary of the Army as a Civilian Aide for South Carolina in 2001. He was awarded the U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal in 2006. He was named one of the top 25 most influential leaders in Phoenix, Arizona by the Phoenix Business Journal in 2017. He was appointed as an honorary commander of the 161st Air Refueling Wing of the Arizona Air National Guard in 2020. He was the recipient of political advocacy awards from the American Hospital and the Florida Hospital Associations, and in 2013, was honored with the presentation of the "Key to the City" by the mayor of the City of Ocala during his time in Florida. He was the recipient of the 2020 Dean Conley award from the American College of Health Care Executives for his article "How Transparency Efforts Helped One System's Financial Turnaround," published in the spring 2019 issue of *Frontiers of Health Services Management*.

He received his master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and his bachelor's degree in Health Education from Springfield College in Springfield, MA. Purves is also a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

Purves is a native of Roanoke, Virginia. He and his wife, Mary Anne, have two adult children and two young grandchildren.