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### **SUSAN PAGE TO RECEIVE ASSOCIATION'S HIGHEST HONOR**

It is with great pleasure that the Kansas Hospital Association announces Susan Page, president and CEO of Pratt Regional Medical Center, as the recipient of the Charles S. Billings Award. Members of the Kansas Hospital Association presented Page with the Billings Award on Sept. 6 during the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show in Overland Park.

The Charles S. Billings Award, named after the association's first president, was created in 1971 to recognize distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the field of health care in Kansas. The Kansas Hospital Association reserves this award for those who have shown their commitment, leadership and dedication to that noble pursuit. Susan Page is the 40<sup>th</sup> recipient of this award.

Susan Page has devoted her entire professional career to Pratt Regional Medical Center and the surrounding community. She began working at Pratt Regional Medical Center in 1979 after she received her degree from the University of Kansas. She continued to work at PRMC while pursuing her master's degree, which she received in 1987. She became president and CEO at Pratt Regional Medical Center in 1993.

Susan Page has served in nearly every imaginable position for the Kansas Hospital Association. She has been a member of numerous KHA committees, including the Council on Health Delivery, the Council on Policy and Advocacy, and the Provider Assessment Committee, as well as committees related to Medicaid, finance, opioids, governance, strategic planning and political fundraising.

Page was a member of the Kansas Hospital Association Board of Directors, from 1997 through 2005, and again from 2011 through 2013. She served for two years as chairperson of the KHA board. She also served on the American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board twice, and she served on the Kansas Health Service Corporation Board from 1995 through 2000, serving as chair in 1998. Page was an advocate for Kansas hospitals when she served on the Kansas Health Policy Authority Board from its inception through 2011.

“Susan exemplifies all the best qualities of a true leader. She does not boast; she listens attentively; when she does talk, she speaks with confidence; and whatever she says you can take to the bank. In short, she sets an authentic aspirational example for all of us to follow,” said Tom Bell, president and CEO of the Kansas Hospital Association.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 223 member facilities, of which 124 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA’s vision is: “Optimal Health for Kansans.”

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