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SUBJECT: **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Purpose

HSN will not authorize, direct, or permit any political contribution or partisan support using HSN funds or resources.

Policy

A. Personal Political Activity of Directors

Individuals may participate in political activities only in a personal capacity, provided that:

- a) personal funds and personal time are used;
- b) no HSN resources, premises, systems, information, or branding are used; and
- c) participation does not imply HSN endorsement.

B. Non-Partisan Advocacy

Nothing in this policy prevents the Board from overseeing or supporting non-partisan public policy dialogue or advocacy aligned with HSN's mission, provided it does not directly or indirectly support or oppose a political party or candidate.

C. Attendance at Provincial Party Events

To support HSN's non-partisan advocacy and relationship-building with government, the Board Chair may approve the purchase of tickets to events held by a provincial political party where attendance by hospital management and/or Board representatives is deemed appropriate.

Such attendance:

- a) must be for non-partisan purposes aligned with HSN's mission;
- b) must not be used to support or oppose any political party or candidate; and
- c) does not permit any direct political contribution beyond the approved ticket purchase.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, political contribution / partisan support includes, but is not limited to:

- a) monetary contributions (donations, loans, guarantees) made using HSN funds;
- b) in-kind contributions authorized by the Board, including goods, services, use of HSN premises, equipment, supplies, communications systems, logos/branding, or HSN-funded time; and
- c) Board-authorized purchase of tickets, tables, sponsorships, or advertisements for partisan fundraising events.

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