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## MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE SOCIETY, CELEBRATES 225 YEARS OF ADVOCACY FOR MARYLAND'S PHYSICIANS AND PATIENTS

BALTIMORE, January 20, 2024 – On January 20,1799, MedChi was created by an act of the Maryland General Assembly, and this year the organization is celebrating its 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary with proclamation ceremonies in both houses of the General Assembly on Monday, January 22, 2024.

The proclamation ceremonies will be preceded by a reception for the physicians and legislators of Maryland at 5:30 pm at Acqua al 2, 236 Main Street, Annapolis, Maryland. Guests will then make the short walk to the Maryland State House, where MedChi's original articles of incorporation will be on display in the Rotunda, courtesy of the Maryland State Archives.

"We are so excited to celebrate the founding of our great organization," states Loralie Ma, MD, the Chair of MedChi's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. "Our Annapolis event is only the beginning of a year-long celebration."

"We are grateful to Senator Clarence Lam, MD, and Delegate Terri Hill, MD, both longtime MedChi members, who are sponsoring the proclamations to honor our organization," added Benjamin Lowentritt, MD, MedChi President. "I am honored to be joined by my colleagues as we mark this momentous occasion."

MedChi will continue to celebrate its *quasquibicentennial* (225<sup>th</sup>) with special events and initiatives throughout the year, including the opening of the brand new MedChi Museum of Maryland Medical History in its Baltimore headquarters. More information can be found at www.medchi.org/225. To learn more about MedChi's rich history click here.

## About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.medchi.org">www.medchi.org</a>.