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The Hospital Council of Northern & Central California to host Patrick Kennedy as Keynote Speaker at Annual Summit

Monterey, Calif. / September 28, 2018 – The Hospital Council of Northern & Central California will host its Annual Summit September 26 – 28, 2018 at the Portola Hotel and Spa at Monterey Bay, Calif. The Summit, “Leading Change,” will convene national experts and address opportunities for change in envisioning and creating health care of the future.

Patrick J. Kennedy, former Rhode Island Congressman and international advocate for parity in mental health and substance use disorder treatment, will deliver a keynote address Friday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. entitled “Making Mental Health Essential Health.”

Other keynote speakers include Mick Ebeling, CEO and founder of the nonprofit Not Impossible and Bonnie St. John, author of “Pave the Way for Breakthrough Performance at Your Hospital.”

For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.hospitalcouncil.org/annual-summit>

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About Patrick J. Kennedy:

Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy (D-R.I.) is a lifelong mental health advocate and former member of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. He is the founder of The Kennedy Forum, a convening think tank tackling mental health and addiction issues and co-founder of One Mind, a global leader in open science collaboration for brain research. In 2015, he co-authored A Common Struggle, a New York Times best seller, which details his personal journey and provides a roadmap for the future of mental health policy. Mr. Kennedy is pushing for full enforcement of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. He was the lead sponsor of this groundbreaking legislation, which requires health plans cover mental health, eating disorder, and addiction care health benefits the same way they cover physical health benefits. To learn about Mr. Kennedy's efforts, please visit www.patrickjkennedy.net.