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## **MEMORANDUM**

**September 16, 2025**

**TO: Members of the Board of Trustees**

**FROM: Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor**

**SUBJECT: Naming of the Mezzalingua Pediatric After Hours Mental Health Care Services at Upstate Medical University**

### **Action Requested**

The proposed resolution names the Pediatric After Hours Mental Health Care Services unit at the Upstate Medical University.

### **Resolution**

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Kimberly and John Mezzalingua, naming of the Mezzalingua Pediatric After Hours Mental Health Care Services at the Upstate Medical University is, hereby, approved.

### **Background**

Upstate Medical University seeks to transform children's mental health services in central New York. As part of its child-friendly urgent care program, Upstate Medical University Hospital will establish an after-hours Pediatrics and Adolescent Urgent Care Center to be located on the second floor of the Nappi Wellness Institute. When the Nappi Wellness Institute closes for business at 5-6pm each evening, the second-floor space will be repurposed for after-hours mental health urgent care. All of the clinical rooms in this 15,000 square foot unit are OMH-certified for such care, thus making this effort a great example of facility/hospital efficiency.

John Mezzalingua is the CEO and Chairman of JMA Wireless, which he founded in 2012. JMA makes the world's most advanced software-based 5G

platform (XLAN), which the company designs, codes, and manufactures in the US. Based in Syracuse, NY, JMA has multiple locations throughout the US and Europe, employing more than 1,000 people worldwide. In Spring 2022, JMA opened an advanced 5G Manufacturing Campus in downtown Syracuse, which will span a full city block and create more than 200 new, high-value technology manufacturing jobs.

Prior to JMA, John spent 12 years as CEO of PPC, a manufacturing company of technology products for the cable TV industry, which he sold in 2012. John and Kimberly cofounded the John and Kimberly Mezzalingua Family Foundation, a private philanthropic foundation that works to strengthen educational and economic opportunities for Syracuse families. Since 2014, John has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Manlius Pebble Hill School, an independent, non-sectarian, pre K-12 private school in Dewitt, NY. In 2019, John joined the Provost Board at Villanova University. Kimberly currently serves as a board member of the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse, NY.