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A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO LEGISLATURE TO REDUCE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF A NEW TAX ON HOSPITALS.

WHEREAS, The Orrville Hospital Foundation dba Dunlap Community Hospital (DCH) opened on June 24, 1951, and currently operates as a not-for-profit Critical Access Hospital in Orrville, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has included a new tax on hospitals in the state budget; and

WHEREAS, the tax will not only cause serious problems for DCH, but it will also cause problems for Orrville and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, DCH has already felt the burden of increased charity care expense and bad debt expense while providing care for the uninsured and underinsured population; and

WHEREAS, due to the tax on DCH of \$577,512, and if the economy does not improve, DCH may be forced to cut services, personnel, and technology, which are necessary to provide adequate health care to Orrville's citizens and others who are served by DCH; and

WHEREAS, at a time when everyone should be working to find ways to keep good paying jobs and provide services to those in need, the hospital tax will, and already has, made conditions worse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORRVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

- Section 1: The Council and Mayor urge the Ohio Legislature to reduce the negative impact of the new tax on hospitals by subtracting the costs of Medicare and uncompensated care from the tax base, and reducing the tax rate from 1.61% to 1.5%;
- Section 2: The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Ted Strickland, Ohio Representative Ron Amstutz, Ohio Senator Bob Gibbs, and Rodney C. Steiger, President, and CEO of The Orrville Hospital Foundation dba Dunlap Community Hospital;
- Section 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements; and
- Section 4: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 5th day of April 2010.


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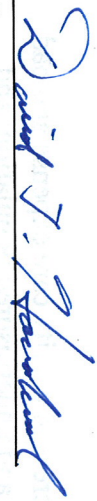
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President of Council

Attest:


Clerk of Council

Approved:


Mayor

Date

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