

RESOLUTION 2018/7

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S DEVELOPMENT OF A MICROHOSPITAL SOUTH OF THE BROAD RIVER

WHEREAS, Beaufort County continues to experience population growth in all areas of the County including the Bluffton area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §44-7-180(B), the State Health Plan contains (1) an inventory of existing health care facilities, beds, specified health services and equipment; (2) projections of need for additional healthcare facilities, beds, specified health services, and equipment; (3) standards for distribution of healthcare facilities, beds, specified health services, and equipment ("Certificate of Need Standards"); and (4) the project review criteria considered to be the most important in evaluating Certificate of Need applications for each type of facility, service and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 – 2018 South Carolina State Health Plan identifies a need for 51 additional hospital beds in Beaufort County¹; and

WHEREAS, residents in Beaufort County deserve access to affordable, high-quality healthcare that is conveniently located to their work and homes; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort Memorial is a county hospital with a mission to deliver superior healthcare services to residents of Beaufort County and to improve the health of its community; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort Memorial has been recognized as meeting this mission by the receipt of multiple awards and designations in the healthcare field including four consecutive "A" ratings from Leapfrog, a Healthgrades ranking of top 5% safest hospitals in the country; Joint Commission designated Centers of Excellence for Chest Pain, Hip and Joint and Stroke; and a Pathways to Excellence Hospital, which indicates their strong support for and commitment to their nurses; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort Memorial Hospital and the Medical University of South Carolina have partnered to develop a 20-bed microhospital in Bluffton to meet the need for additional hospital beds and convenient access to healthcare; and


WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council agrees the development of a microhospital south of the Broad River will provide access to affordable, high-quality healthcare that is conveniently located to residents of Beaufort County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, supports Beaufort Memorial Hospital and the Medical University of South Carolina in its application process for a Certificate of Need and plans to develop a microhospital south of the Broad River.

¹ SCDHEC 2017 – 2018 South Carolina Health Plan <http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/docs/StateHealthPlan/2017-2018%20South%20Carolina%20Health%20Plan.pdf>

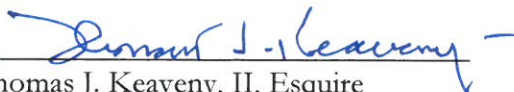
Adopted this 14th day of May, 2018.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

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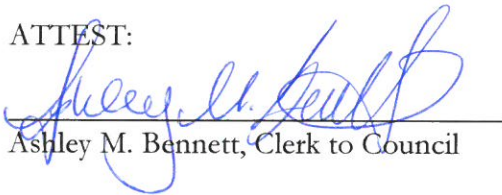
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Ashley M. Bennett, Clerk to Council