

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

RESOLUTION #11-07

**SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING SUMMERVILLE MEDICAL
CENTER'S APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED TO
EXPAND ITS EXISTING HOSPITAL AND TO ADD THIRTY (30) NEW
BEDS IN THE TOWN OF SUMMERVILLE, COUNTY OF
DORCHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, Summerville Medical Center is applying for a Certificate of Need to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to expand its existing hospital facility and to add (30) beds to existing 94 hospital beds, in the town of Summerville, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this 30 bed expansion will, among other things, result in Summerville Medical Center (1) converting its remaining semi-private patient rooms to private rooms; (2) creating a progressive care step-down unit; (3) increasing the number of labor and delivery rooms; (4) attracting more specialists to the area; and improving the quality of, and access to, medical care for the citizens of Dorchester County; and

WHEREAS, Summerville Medical Center was established and approved by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in 1989 for the express purpose of serving the citizens of Dorchester County, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Summerville Medical Center expanded its operations to a full-service hospital, increasing its size to the current 94 licensed beds serving the citizens of Dorchester County, South Carolina;

WHEREAS, in addition to the healthcare services provided to Dorchester County citizens, Summerville Medical Center has served as a collaborative and supportive community steward and tax-paying employer since 1989; and

WHEREAS, Summerville Medical Center has a long and distinguished record of providing healthcare services to the citizens of Dorchester County; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council believes that Summerville Medical Center's proposed project will best serve the needs of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Dorchester County Council as follows:

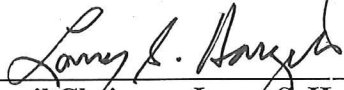
Section 1. County Council hereby fully endorses and supports Summerville Medical Center's application for a Certificate of Need to expand Summerville Medical Center by adding thirty (30) new beds to its existing facility. County Council urges the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to approve Summerville Medical Center's application as being the best application to meet the needs of the citizens of Dorchester County.

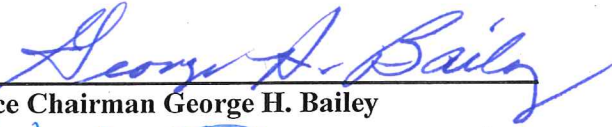
Section 2. County Council hereby authorizes the Clerk of Council to take such steps as are necessary to communicate this Resolution to the Department.

Section 3. All orders, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by County Council.

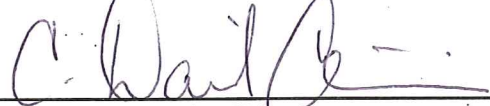
Done in meeting duly assembled this 15th day of August, 2011.

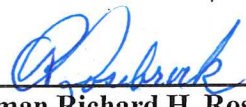
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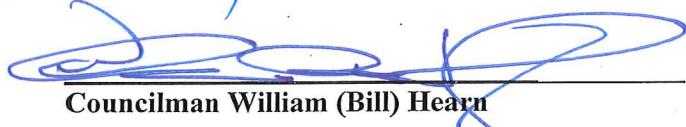
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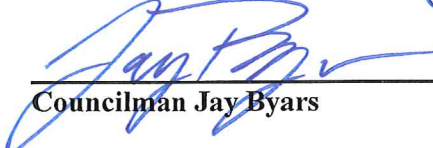

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ATTEST: 
Sandy W. Lawley, Clerk to Council