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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the District VII Local Health Council is the local health planning council serving Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Brevard Counties, having been duly appointed by their respective Boards of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission and the District VII Local Health Council are committed to the provision of high quality health services at reasonable cost to all Central Floridians, and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners has received a request to support dissolution of the local health planning councils, and repeal of Florida Statutes Chapter 381, as amended by Chapter 82-182, which created the local councils, and

WHEREAS, dissolution of the local councils would result in the provision of health services by multiple providers, and cause dilution of the medical marketplace resulting in fewer patients per provider, higher costs per patient and reduction in provider ability to purchase necessary facilities, equipment and personnel, and

WHEREAS, the quality of America's health care system, now second to none, would be harmed should providers no longer be able to afford modern facilities and equipment and highly trained personnel, and

WHEREAS, America's taxpayers provide over one-half of provider income in the form of Medicare and Medicaid payments; thus, higher costs will result in continued higher public payments or reduced availability of services to the aged and the poor, and

WHEREAS, free market health service delivery without a change in the reimbursement system would result in higher health service costs while reducing the quality of care available to residents of our area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, does object to and oppose any change in the Florida Statutes to dissolve the local health planning councils.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Orange County Legislative Delegation and all Boards of County Commissioners of the State of Florida are urged to oppose any proposal to change or disband local health planning councils.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



Lou Treadway, Chairman



Deputy Clerk