

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OCONEE COUNTY
RESOLUTION R2014-07

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OCONEE
MEDICAL CENTER (OMC) BOARD, MANAGEMENT AND
STAFF, AND OMC'S ONGOING EXPLORATION OF WAYS TO
ENSURE ITS FUTURE ABILITY TO FULFILL ITS MISSION.**

WHEREAS, OMC is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides vital healthcare services to the people of Oconee County, including care to the indigent and uninsured, and

WHEREAS, the past and present OMC boards and management have steadfastly demonstrated the leadership, stability and capabilities to fulfill their the mission to *"help people feel better and live more fully"* and their vision *"to rank among the best healthcare providers as measured by patient and physician satisfaction, quality, community benefit, growth and the scope of services we provide"* and,

WHEREAS, despite considerable health industry turmoil and challenges, has demonstrated continued service innovations and improvements including, but not limited to:

- physical expansion to meet the needs of a growing population,
- introduction of improved management practices,
- acquisition of advanced equipment,
- successful implementation of electronic medical records,
- recognition of the highest ranking for patient safety,
- introduction of new OB/GYN, joint disease and pulmonary specialties
- regional leadership in public health with the establishment of Mountain Lakes Access Health

WHEREAS, these substantial achievements have occurred despite the lack of fundamental industry, national and state solutions to our healthcare crisis, and

WHEREAS, the absence of which has created unsustainable financial pressure on OMC and other community/regional medical providers, including the required write-off of approximately \$30 million in uncompensated care annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, recognizing that it is the responsibility of local government to provide, encourage and/or support the delivery of public health, safety and welfare services to its citizens, it is hereby resolved by Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, March 4, 2014, that Council offers its unqualified support of and to OMC as it continues to explore all alternative partnerships necessary to remain a critical part of our community.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____

Joel Thrift, Chairman of County Council

ATTEST:

By: _____

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to County Council

