



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING ANY EFFORT TO ELIMINATE THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENT FOR A HOSPITAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Need (CON) is a written statement issued by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) evidencing community need for a new, converted, expanded or otherwise significantly modified health care facility or health service, including hospices; and

WHEREAS, the CON review process is a lengthy, difficult and expensive process that starts with AHCA determining need for a specific facility type or service; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Need is now only required in 35 states; and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Need process has developed into a system that grants monopoly privileges to already existing hospitals, increases health care costs and restricts competition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

- SECTION 1 The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are confirmed and ratified as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein.
- SECTION 2 The City of North Port supports any effort by the Florida Legislature to eliminate the Certificate of Need process.
- SECTION 3 Copies of this Resolution shall be sent to each member of the Florida Senate Committee on Health Policy and Senator Greg Steube.
- SECTION 4 All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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SECTION 5 If any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

SECTION 6 This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida this ____ day of _____, 2017.

LINDA M. YATES,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATSY ADKINS, MMC
CITY CLERK

Approved as to form and correctness:

MARK MORIARTY
CITY ATTORNEY