

RESOLUTION 19-582

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DOWNGRADE OF THE LEVEL 1 TRAUMA SERVICES AT HOLSTON VALLEY MEDICAL GROUP TO LEVEL 3, THE CLOSURE OF THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT HOLSTON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER AND MOVING THE KINGSFORT HEMATOLOGY ONCOLOGY OUTPATIENT CANCER CENTER. THIS RESOLUTION ENCOURAGES BALLAD HEALTH TO RECONSIDER AND REVERSE THESE DECISIONS.

WHEREAS, Ballard Health has declared its intention to downgrade its Level 1 Emergency Trauma services currently available at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tennessee, to Level 3, thereby reducing emergency staff, and available trauma surgeons, and

WHEREAS, Ballard Health has declared its intentions to consolidate Level 1 Emergency Trauma services at Johnson City Medical Center, which is substantially further from the Town of Mount Carmel, and

WHEREAS, Ballard Health has declared its intention to transfer all Neonatal Intensive Care Unit services from Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tennessee to the Johnson City Medical Center, which substantially further from the Town of Mount Carmel, and

WHEREAS, Ballard Health has declared its intention to move Kingsport Hematology Oncology outpatient cancer care center from its current location in Hawkins County to a facility outside of the county and further from the Town of Mount Carmel, thereby increasing the cost and travel time to the citizens of Mount Carmel who require said services, and

WHEREAS, the citizens and residents of the Town of Mount Carmel have used the Level 1 Emergency Trauma services at Holston Valley Medical Center, and will require said services in the future, and

WHEREAS, the citizens and residents of the Town of Mount Carmel have used the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit services located at Holston Valley Medical Center, and will require said services in the future, and

WHEREAS, it is we believe that time is of the essence in emergency medical situations, and

WHEREAS, the removal of Level 1 Emergency Trauma services and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit services from Holston Valley Medical Center to the Johnson City Medical Center will place the lives and health of the citizens and residents, and their newborn children, at greater risk.

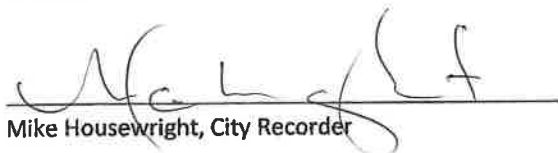
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE, that the Town of Mount Carmel publicly declares its

opposition to the downgrade of Level 1 Trauma services at Holston Valley Medical Center to Level 3; that the Town of Mount Carmel publicly declares its opposition to the closure of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Holston Valley Medical Center; that the Town of Mount Carmel publicly declares its opposition to moving of the Kingsport Hematology Oncology outpatient cancer center; that the Town of Mount Carmel encourages Ballad Health to reconsider and reverse these decisions; and that the Town of Mount Carmel authorizes the City Administrator to forward this Resolution to Ballad Health, to the State of Tennessee, and all relevant committees and departments, and all legislators who represent the citizens of the Town of Mount Carmel.

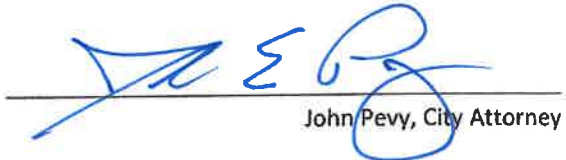
This Resolution was duly considered and adopted by the Town of Mount Carmel this the 28th day of FEBRUARY 2019.


Chris Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mike Housewright, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


John Pevy, City Attorney

MOTION: <u>VICE-MAYOR WILLIAMS</u>			
SECOND: <u>MAYOR JONES</u>			
VOTE ON MOTION	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
ALDERMAN PAT STILLWELL	X		
ALDERMAN WANDA DAVIDSON	X		
ALDERMAN CARL WOLFE	X		
ALDERMAN JIM GILLAM	X		
ALDERMAN STEVE MCCLAIN	X		
VICE-MAYOR JENNIFER WILLIAMS	X		
MAYOR CHRIS JONES	X		
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