

CITY OF CANTON RESOLUTION FOR MADISON RIVER OAKS HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City of Canton, would like to express its appreciation for the continued good work of the River Oaks family of hospitals, including Madison County Medical Center in Canton, in representing the healthcare needs of Madison County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen recognize and appreciate the challenging decisions that face the State of Mississippi Department of Health as it works to preserve our citizens' access to quality hospital care; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the need for growth in healthcare services for Madison County; and

WHEREAS, Madison River Oaks Hospital, under construction and scheduled to open in fall of 2011, is a \$42 million full-service community hospital that has been designed clinically, financially and geographically to serve the healthcare needs of the entirety of Madison County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Madison River Oaks Hospital will be a significant driver of economic development for the City of Canton, providing more than 230 jobs, generating more than \$1 million in property tax annually and supporting local vendors and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Health Plan acknowledges Madison County cannot support more than one hospital at this time; and

WHEREAS St. Dominic's Hospital has proposed to build a second hospital in southern Madison County; and

WHEREAS, St. Dominic's proposed service area is already being served by existing hospitals and will be served by Madison River Oaks Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are concerned that a second hospital in the county will duplicate existing services and sharply increase the cost of healthcare for everyone in Madison County; and

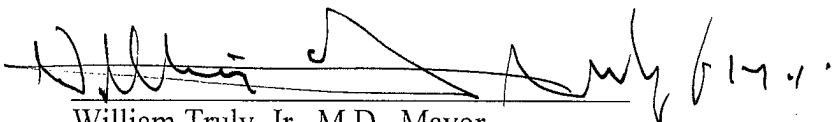
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are deeply concerned this hospital will significantly strain Madison River Oaks Hospital's future finances and threaten its ability to provide medical care to this county's most needy citizens; and

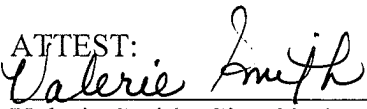
WHEREAS, it is under the purview of this Mayor and Board of Aldermen to protect the healthcare for the citizens of Canton, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, we, as the duly elected representatives of the citizens of Canton, strongly agree with the Mississippi State Health Plan and its purpose to protect and promote the orderly development of healthcare;

THEREFORE, WE NOW RESOLVE to pledge our full support to the opposition of St. Dominic's proposal to build a new hospital in southern Madison County before the State of Mississippi Department of Health; and we call on all healthcare providers of this region to do the same.

ADOPTED, this the 25th day of January, 2010.


William Truly, Jr., M.D., Mayor

ATTEST:

Valerie Smith, City Clerk