



**RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER UTICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF A NEW INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE FACILITY/CAMPUS IN DOWNTOWN UTICA**

WHEREAS; the Mohawk Valley Health System has proposed building a new, free standing hospital in downtown Utica creating a new health campus for the region, and

WHEREAS; the New York State Government, under the leadership of Governor Andrew Cuomo and area legislators including Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi and Senator David Valesky have committed and recently awarded \$300 million to the project which is also endorsed by Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente, Jr. and Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri, and

WHEREAS; the new facility would replace the two aging hospitals that are St. Elizabeth Medical Center which is 100 years old and the St. Luke's Campus of Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare which is nearly 60 years old and would lead the way for a new regional state of the art integrated healthcare campus with all private patient rooms and be only the third new hospital built in New York State in the past twenty five years, and

WHEREAS; there is an increasing number of retiring physicians in our community, the new downtown hospital will assist with the recruitment of young physicians and other healthcare professionals who wish to practice at a the new state-of-the-art as well as desire to live within walking distance to work, restaurants, and entertainment venues, much like larger metro medical centers, and

WHEREAS; the new regional medical center would affiliate with academic teaching centers that would enhance and expand medical providers in our area and support continued recruitment, and

WHEREAS; the new hospital would support and enhance the revitalization of downtown Utica and the entire Mohawk Valley Region and complement the growing number of economic initiatives in the area including, but not limited to, nanotechnology, research, education and business development, and

WHEREAS; the Mohawk Valley Health System has assured our board of directors that our member businesses located within the new facility's footprint will receive fair market value for their properties, and

WHEREAS; the Mohawk Valley Health System has offered a forum to be conducted in 2017, available exclusively to the membership of the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce, to educate them on the many aspects of this project, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Board of Directors of the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce is in full support of the proposed new hospital in downtown Utica as it will provide for the transformation of healthcare for the entire region as well as support the growth and economic development of our communities.

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