

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING IN-PATIENT SERVICES
AT ST. CLARE'S HOSPITAL IN SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex, New Jersey, is a vital service provider for essential health care in the High Point region of New Jersey, with a remarkable record involving countless instances of life-saving service for almost a century, and

WHEREAS, St. Clare's is the only hospital located in the immediate vicinity of citizens within the High Point region, making it an essential part of the community, and

WHEREAS, there is currently a plan being considered which would close the Hospital's In-patient services, and

WHEREAS, the relative geographic isolation of residents living in Northwest New Jersey requires the presence of In-patient services at St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex, as all other hospital services are too far removed from quick response capability in emergency situations, and

WHEREAS, the absence of In-patient services at St. Clare's Hospital will, inevitably, drive business and revenue out of the State of New Jersey, as citizens of Northwest New Jersey will seek medical attention across the New York and Pennsylvania borders to compensate for the loss of service availability at the St. Clare's facility, and

WHEREAS, the harm which will result from the closure of In-patient services at St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex, New Jersey represents a price that far outstrips the lack of historical profit margin at this facility, and

WHEREAS, the ability to turn a profit while operating this essential, life-saving facility should rely on a progressive, modern marketing plan which will increase utilization and create new job opportunities for the High Point region, rather than to fall back on a failure-driven business closure plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage does hereby support the continued presence of In-patient services at St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage does hereby urge the New Jersey Commissioner of Health and Senior Services and Governor Chris Christie, to likewise support the continued presence of In-patient services at St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: William Gaechter
Ronald Bassani
William DeBoer

Nays: None

Absent: None

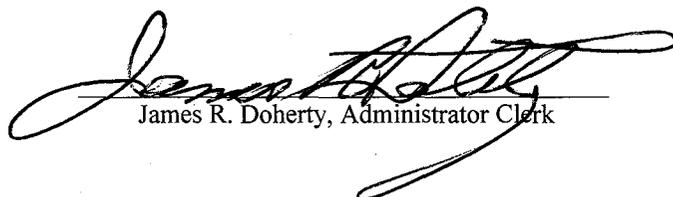
Abstain: None



William Gaechter, Mayor

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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on April 26, 2012.

  
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James R. Doherty, Administrator Clerk