

STATE OF ALABAMA            )  
COUNTY OF BALDWIN        )

**RESOLUTION # 2016-030  
OF THE  
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH  
ALABAMA (USA) MEDICAL CENTER FAIRHOPE OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, The University of South Alabama (USA) has purchased land in Fairhope, Alabama and plans to construct a new Medical Office Building to be constructed at a site adjacent to, and west of, the Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (1100 Fairhope Avenue) and east of PNC Bank (949 Fairhope Avenue) with the following Google Earth GPS coordinates: Latitude 30d31'26N, Longitude 87d52'49W; and

WHEREAS, The USA Medical Center, a division of USA, proposes to relocate its existing USA Medical Center Fairhope Outpatient Department to a new leased space approximately a quarter of a mile from its existing leased space at 188 Hospital Drive, Suite 400, Fairhope, Alabama. Specifically, the USA Medical Center Fairhope Outpatient Department proposes to relocate to 4,047 square feet of new leased space in the new Medical Office Building to be constructed by the University of South Alabama; and

WHEREAS, The health care services to be offered by the USA Medical Center Fairhope Outpatient Department in the new leased space will include the existing USA Medical Center infusion, pharmacy and laboratory services provided in its current Fairhope leased space; and

WHEREAS, The USA Medical Center has provided these infusion, pharmacy and laboratory services in its current leased space for many years; and

WHEREAS, This proposed relocation is necessary, in part, to bring the USA Medical Center Fairhope Outpatient Department Pharmacy into compliance, as of the effective date, with new pharmacy regulations (USP 800) requiring certain upgrades, expansions and physical renovations which are not feasible in the existing leased space in Suite 400 at 188 Hospital Drive in Fairhope, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, The USA Medical Center is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art health care services to all citizens of its service area, including the underserved and those most affected by healthcare disparities; and

WHEREAS, For more than forty (40) years, the USA Medical Center has provided a comprehensive array of health care services to residents of Mobile and Baldwin Counties and other areas of South Alabama and the upper Gulf Coast corridor, and serves as the lead provider of indigent care in the region; and

WHEREAS, The USA Medical Center qualifies as a disproportionate share hospital, providing a disproportionate share of Medicare, Medicaid, uninsured and charity care to patients in need and the USA Medical Center's disproportionate share hospital adjustment factor fluctuates between 23 percent and 24 percent (well above the 11.75 percent minimum requirement).

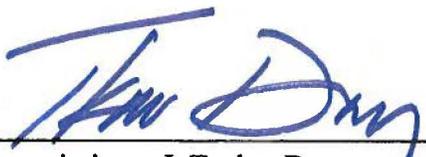
WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 2015, the USA Medical Center provided more than \$55 million in uncompensated care; and

WHEREAS, The Baldwin County Commission recognizes the vital role that the USA Medical Center plays in delivering critical cancer services to all citizens of Baldwin County, including those most vulnerable cancer patients, and supports the USA Medical Center Certificate of Need Application for this relocation project; and

WHEREAS, Approval of this relocation project will allow the USA Medical Center to continue to provide infusion, pharmacy and laboratory services to its patients in Baldwin County and the surrounding area with no disruption in services in a new state-of-the-art space with better access and ease of adequate parking; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the Baldwin County Commission supports the relocation of the University of South Alabama Medical Center Fairhope Outpatient Department and urges the Alabama State Health Planning & Development Agency Certificate of Need Review Board to approve this relocation project.

DONE, under the Seal of the County of Baldwin, at the County Seat in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

  
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Commissioner J. Tucker Dorsey  
Chairman

  
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Commissioner T. Christopher Elliott  
Vice Chairman

  
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