

Resolution of Support

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND DULY ELECTED COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBERTON, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS: Elbert Memorial Hospital has been providing healthcare in our community for 60 years; and

WHEREAS: Elbert Memorial Hospital is struggling financially due to the rise in unemployment, an increase in the number of people who are unable to afford healthcare insurance, and the reduction in Federal and State funds; and

WHEREAS: Elbert Memorial Hospital has reduced costs in the last two years by renegotiating and canceling contracts, reducing employee benefits, and reducing hours in some department; and

WHEREAS: Elbert Memorial Hospital provides 24 hour care, healthcare to everyone including those who cannot pay, local access to health care services especially important emergencies, employs 170 people, and provides an economic impact of \$30 million annually to our community; and

WHEREAS: Elbert Memorial Hospital is asking for a two-year commitment from Elbert County taxpayers for one mil of property tax; one mill will provide approximately \$500,000 so Elbert Memorial Hospital can maintain operations; and

WHEREAS: If this referendum fails, our community will lose access to local healthcare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton do hereby offer support for Elbert Memorial Hospital; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council urge all registered voters to vote "YES" to **Save Our Hospital**.

DULY ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION ON THIS THE 7th DAY OF JUNE, 2010.