

RESOLUTION NO. 092313-1

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CONTINUED USE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL CRITERIA USED TO DESIGNATE CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS IN THE STATE OF KANSAS

WHEREAS, a recent report entitled “Most Critical Access Hospitals Would Not Meet the Location Requirements if Required to Re-Enroll in Medicare” promulgated by the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services includes recommendations that, if acted upon, may be detrimental to the continued operation of rural hospitals designated as critical access hospitals;

WHEREAS, the implementation of such recommendations could potentially hinder Memorial Health System, Inc.’s ability to provide healthcare services to the community;

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene has issued its Public Building Commission Bonds, Series 2010 and 2011 to finance a portion of improvements to Memorial Hospital in Abilene, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the recommendations may also hinder Memorial Health System, Inc.’s ability to repay its obligations for the aforementioned Public Building Commission Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Abilene and the surrounding area benefit from a critical access hospital in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Commission of the City of Abilene, calls upon the Congressional delegation of the State of Kansas to oppose efforts to advance the proposed recommendations as provided in the aforementioned report for the benefit of critical access hospitals throughout Kansas, and especially Memorial Health System, Inc. in Abilene.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Abilene, Kansas, this 23rd day of September, 2013.



ATTEST:

Penny Soukup, CMC
City Clerk

CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS

By:
Angela Casteel, Vice-Mayor