Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

Resolution No: 08 – 191

Resolution recognizing Community Hospital of the Monterey)
Peninsula for its support of Natividad Medical Center (NMC))
through the Intergovernmental Transfer & Grant Agreement.

WHEREAS, Natividad Medical Center (NMC), founded in 1886 as a community hospital, is now an established 172-bed acute care hospital providing comprehensive, high quality acute medical care, health and wellness services and serves as Monterey County's teaching hospital and center for academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County is one of the remaining 15 California Counties which operate public safety net hospitals and that Natividad Medical Center is the primary medical care provider to the poor and indigent, delivering care to all who need it, regardless of ability to pay, immigration status or insurance; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County is committed to operating Natividad Medical Center within budgetary limits; and

WHEREAS, Natividad Medical Center has experienced significant financial distress and losses exceeding \$24 million per year by the year 2006 with an anticipated cumulative loss of \$70 million; and

WHEREAS, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation is dedicated to identifying and meeting the changing healthcare needs of the residents of Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, while Monterey County was striving to identify viable fiscal alternatives for continued operation of Natividad Medical Center, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and its leadership offered technical and financial support to re-engineer NMC's operations and stabilize its financial status by entering into an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement effective July 18, 2006. This agreement constituted a cooperative arrangement between Community Hospital, the County and Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, and included the transfer of funds to the hospital, with supporting representation and oversight at NMC by Community Hospital representatives on the NMC Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure development of a sustainable operational plan for Natividad Medical Center, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula has agreed to continue its support through an extension of the Intergovernmental Transfer & Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, through agreement, has agreed to provide one representative on the NMC Board of Trustees through January 1, 2009 and one representative through July 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula's financial and organizational contributions have greatly contributed to the dramatic fiscal turnaround and operational improvements at NMC by 2008; and

WHEREAS, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula's support of NMC exemplifies Community Hospital's leadership role and community spirit in ensuring medical services to benefit all Monterey County residents.

NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, hereby expresses its most sincere appreciation to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, its CEO and entire Board of Trustees for their contributions to stabilize and support NMC to ensure its continued service to Monterey County as our communities' critical public safety net hospital and regional medical teaching institution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 24th day of June, 2008, upon motion of Supervisor Calcagno, seconded by Supervisor Salinas, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Mettee-McCutchon, Potter

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

I, Annette D'Adamo, Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 74 for the meeting on June 24, 2008.

Dated: June 26, 2008

Annette D'Adamo, Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Monterey, State of California

By F. F. Deputy