

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly, in its capacity to draft and legislate the laws of North Carolina, has introduced bicameral legislation which will expand access to healthcare for citizens of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will allow approximately 500,000 additional North Carolina citizens to receive increased access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC. (ARHS) is a 501c3 non-profit provider of comprehensive healthcare services for rural Northwest North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, ARHS is committed to providing high quality, compassionate and accessible healthcare for all persons regardless of age, race, sex, color, creed, gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, ARHS serves as the leader for healthcare and is committed to promoting health in the High Country; and

WHEREAS, few businesses are more important to a community than the local hospital. Beyond providing essential medical services, ARHS stimulates the economic health of our community, pays taxes, provides charity care and is one of the largest employers in the

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Watauga County Board of Commissioners supports the Governor of North Carolina and the North Carolina General Assembly in taking all appropriate actions required for North Carolina citizens to be able to have increased access to healthcare services.

ADOPTED by the Watauga County Board of Commissioners this, the 16th day of April, 2019.



John Welch, Chairman

Watauga County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

