



Taos Health Systems

**A RESOLUTION TO TAOS COUNTY
July 22, 2015**

WHEREAS, Taos Health Systems is a not-for-profit 501c3 corporation that owns and operates a number of inpatient and outpatient healthcare services in Taos County including Holy Cross Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Taos County owns the land and buildings that make up Holy Cross Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Taos Health Systems has entered into a long-term lease with Taos County to use the land and buildings located at 1397 Weimer Road to provide local inpatient and outpatient healthcare services;

WHEREAS, as required by the current long-term lease with Taos County, Taos Health Systems is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the leased land and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Taos Health Systems has experienced significant reimbursement reductions from a variety of private and governmental payors; and

WHEREAS, Taos Health Systems has deferred many needed capital improvements, capital equipment acquisitions, and employee wage increases due to its ongoing significant financial losses; and

WHEREAS, the provision of financial support for rural healthcare facilities via local taxation is a common and accepted model; and

WHEREAS, Taos Health Systems is in need of local tax revenues in order to support needed capital improvements, equipment acquisition, and overall facility operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Taos Health Systems Governing Board formally requests that the Taos County Board of Commissioners explore and pursue the available options for providing local tax revenue to Taos Health systems on an ongoing basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Taos Health Systems Board requests that the Taos County Board of Commissioners take all steps necessary as soon as practical to allow for the assessment and/or collection of these local tax monies that shall then be made available to Taos Health Systems.

Adopted by the Taos Health Systems Board July 22, 2015

Stuart Hamilton, Secretary

Date