

RESOLUTION NO. 48-17

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLEVELAND CLINIC TO CLOSE THE FAMILY BIRTHING CENTER AT MEDINA HOSPITAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS: The Cleveland Clinic has announced its decision to discontinue the services of the Family Birthing Center at Medina Hospital effective July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS: The Family Birthing Center at Medina Hospital is the only birthing center in Medina County and its closing will force expectant mothers to travel 30-45 minutes further to deliver; and

WHEREAS: This decision will have a detrimental effect on Medina County residents, including the residents of the City of Medina; and

WHEREAS: This policy may cause slower emergency response times having a detrimental effect on overall public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO:

SEC. 1: To discontinue services of the Family Birthing Center at Medina Hospital removes an important health care service that has existed in Medina for decades, and the Council of the City of Medina strongly suggests that the Cleveland Clinic reconsider their decision to discontinue these services.

SEC. 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SEC. 3: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the further reason to timely provide notice to the Cleveland Clinic of the objections contained herein. Therefore, the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the required number of votes or from the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: April 10, 2017

SIGNED: John M. Coyne, III
President of Council

ATTEST: Kathy Patton
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: April 11, 2017

SIGNED: Dennis Hanwell
Mayor