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Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: *Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital – Huntley*

Dear Ms. Avery:

I understand Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board for a *Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital* in Huntley, Illinois. As Mayor of the City of Woodstock and long-time resident of McHenry County, it is my pleasure to provide this letter in strong support of Centegra Health System and their proposed construction of Centegra Hospital - Huntley. I also include for your consideration, a certified copy of Resolution No. 11-R-05, *Resolution of the City of Woodstock in Support of Centegra Hospital - Huntley*, passed at the March 1st, 2011 meeting of the Woodstock City Council.

With a population of nearly 25,000, Woodstock is both county seat and one of the largest municipalities in McHenry County. We have been served by Centegra Health System since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. As the years passed, we have watched as Centegra Health System deepened its commitment to our community and residents. In addition to a strong, proven track record of providing high-quality, readily accessible healthcare services to our residents, Centegra has also become the preeminent county employer and an incredibly proactive community partner. A new full-service hospital in Huntley will continue this tradition by improving access to comprehensive care for the people of Huntley, Lake in The Hills, Algonquin and Crystal Lake, and enabling Centegra to devote increasing levels of resources to the people of Woodstock and the larger McHenry County.

During this time of economic strain, it is indeed promising to see Centegra Health System continuing its commitment to regional investment. The addition of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will provide significant economic benefits from added jobs and direct spending at a time when it is desperately needed. We are grateful for the role Centegra Health System plays in our community and respectfully ask your favorable consideration of its request for a *Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital* in Huntley, Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Sager'.

Brian Sager, Ph.D.
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 11-R-05

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK
IN SUPPORT OF
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL – HUNTLEY**

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital – Huntley; and

WHEREAS, The construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time, Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages, and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service, Centegra Health System has established itself as best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Woodstock, Illinois commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761.

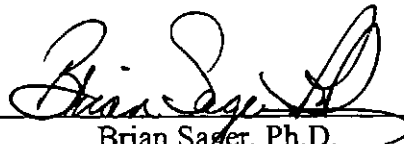
PASSED and APPROVED THIS 1 DAY OF March, 2011

AYE: Ahrens, Dillon, Larson, Thompson, Turner and Mayor Sager

NAY: None

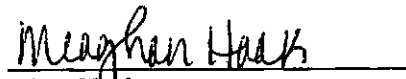
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ATTEST: None



Brian Sager, Ph.D.
Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

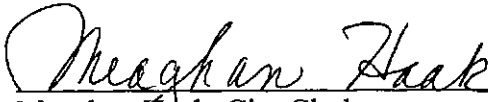
CERTIFICATION

I, **MEAGHAN HAAK**, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the **CITY OF WOODSTOCK**, McHenry County, Illinois, and that as such Clerk, I am the keeper of the ordinances, records, corporate seal and proceedings of the Mayor and City Council of the said **CITY OF WOODSTOCK**.

I do hereby further certify that at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodstock, held on the 1st day of March, 2011, the foregoing Resolution No. 11-R-05 entitled "*A Resolution of the City of Woodstock in Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley*" was duly passed and approved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodstock.

I do further certify that the original, of which the attached is a true and correct copy, is entrusted to me as the Clerk of said City for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful custodian and keeper of same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the **CITY OF WOODSTOCK**, this 4th day of March, 2011.



Meaghan Haak, City Clerk
By Deputy Clerk Cindy K. Smiley

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