

**RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO OSF HEALTHCARE's PLAN FOR OSF SAINT
ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER IN OTTAWA, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center-Ottawa is the closest hospital for the citizens of the City of Marseilles needing medical services; and,

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, OSF HealthCare announced it would be constructing a new multi-million-dollar hospital in Ottawa to replace the current Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa, Illinois, which it states is nearing the end of its useful life; and,

WHEREAS, with this new multi-million-dollar hospital, OSF HealthCare will be reducing the services provided at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa; and

WHEREAS, Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa will lose vital services such as in-patient intensive care, in-patient Obstetric care, birthing rooms, several operating rooms, and other essential services to the Marseilles and other surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, OSF HealthCare is reducing the number of medical/surgical beds in Ottawa to only twelve beds, a significant decrease from its current bed capacity; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in medical services at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Ottawa will greatly impact the citizens of Marseilles as said hospital is the closest in proximity to the City of Marseilles; and

WHEREAS, the lack of medical services being provided in Ottawa, will strain the Emergency Medical Services and Transport community, including the Marseilles Area Ambulance Services as there will be a large flux of patients requiring transport to other locations, wasting the valuable time of the staff of the Marseilles Area Ambulance Services and other local district's EMS providers; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in medical services provided at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Ottawa will require longer transportation times for the citizens of Marseilles and surrounding communities who require services no longer provided in Ottawa; and,

WHEREAS, the reduction in medical services will have a negative effect on attracting quality health care providers; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Marseilles finds OSF HealthCare's plans regarding Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Ottawa negatively affects the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Marseilles; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Marseilles finds it in the best interests of the citizens of Marseilles to publicly oppose OSF HealthCare's plans regarding Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Ottawa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSEILLES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: The Council of the City of Marseilles hereby opposes OSF HealthCare's plans for Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Ottawa and strongly urge for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Marseilles, the surrounding communities, and EMS providers OSF HealthCare reconsiders their decision and provides Ottawa with the full-service hospital it deserves and currently has.

Section Two: Any resolution or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

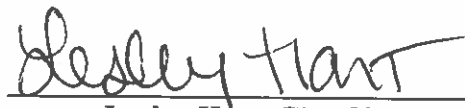
Section Three: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form.

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Buckingham	☒	☐	☐
Commissioner Kaminski	☒	☐	☐
Commissioner Scheib	☒	☐	☐
Commissioner Small	☒	☐	☐
Mayor Hollenbeck	☒	☐	☐

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 17th day of April 2024.


Jim Hollenbeck, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lesley Hart, City Clerk