

# RESOLUTION

NO. 2018 / 11 / 01  
OUT OF ORDER

To the Honorable MICHAEL HERRELL, CHAIRMAN, and Members of the Hawkins County Board of Commissioners in Regular Session, met this 26th day of November 2018

RESOLUTION IN REF: TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO DOWNGRADE OF HOLSTON VALLEY / WELLMONT HOSPITAL TO LEVEL THREE TRAUMA CENTER AND CLOSURE OF NICU (NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT).

WHEREAS, Ballard Health has announced that the Trauma Center at Holston Valley / Wellmont Hospital will be downgraded from a Level One to Level Three Trauma Center and that the NICU will be closed; and,

WHEREAS, The Sullivan County Board of Commissioners has also voted to express Opposition to this downgrade of the Trauma Center and closure of the NICU; and,

WHEREAS, Hawkins County has an Industrial Park containing many manufacturing facilities and also an explosive manufacturing plant located in Kingsport, Hawkins County Tennessee and if an accident occurred at such manufacturing facilities many lives would be in jeopardy due to the additional transport time involved to take these severely injured individuals to other locations; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Hawkins County would be adversely affected by such a downgrade and closure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hawkins County Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Hawkins County Mayor to notify Ballard Health and any and all oversight committees and boards of Ballard Health for the State of Tennessee that Hawkins County opposes the downgrade of Holston Valley / Wellmont Trauma Center from Level One to Level Three and also opposed the closure of the NICU located in Kingsport, Tennessee. Furthermore, Hawkins County Board of Commissioners is very concerned about the closure and downgrading of medical facilities in Sullivan County and hereby request that Hawkins County be involved in these decisions henceforth.

INTRODUCED BY: Jeff Barrett ACTION: AYE NAY PASSED

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL CALL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_ VOICE VOTE \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

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HAWKINS COUNTY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_