

## VILLAGE OF NAPLATE

RESOLUTION 2024- 06-03-1

### RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO OSF HEALTHCARE'S ANNOUNCED PLAN FOR OSF SAINT ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER IN OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

**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 few 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 inpatient intensive care, in-patient Obstetric care, birthing rooms, several operating rooms, and other essential services to the Naplate, Ottawa and 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 lack of medical services being provided in Ottawa and Naplate will strain the Emergency Medical Services and Transport community as there will be a large flux of patients requiring transport to other locations, wasting the valuable time of Emergency Medical Service staff of not just Ottawa and Naplate, but other local districts EMS providers also; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in medical services will have a direct negative effect on Ottawa and Naplate's ability to attract quality health care providers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lack of medical services being provided in Ottawa and Naplate will have a direct negative effect on the ability of Ottawa and Naplate to attract economic development; and,

**WHEREAS**, OSF HealthCare only informed City Officials of Ottawa a few hours prior

to its public announcement of the new hospital and reduction of services at the new hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time Ottawa Regional Hospital merged with OSF Healthcare, OSF stated residents will experience greater access to health care services, but OSF HealthCare's plan for Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa is instead reducing vital health care services to our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Naplate is adjacent to the City of Ottawa and shares many services and needs with the citizens of the City of Ottawa and agrees with the Council of the City of Ottawa that the OSF HealthCare's plans regarding Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa negatively affects the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Naplate and Ottawa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Naplate finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Naplate to publicly oppose OSF HealthCare's plans regarding Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF NAPLATE, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: The Village Board of the Village of Naplate hereby opposes OSF HealthCare's plans for Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa, and strongly urges for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ottawa and Naplate, the surrounding communities, and EMS providers, OSF HealthCare reconsider their decision and provide Ottawa with the full-service hospital it deserves and currently has.

Section 2: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF NAPLATE,  
ILLINOIS THIS 3rd DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2024.

  
VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF NAPLATE, ILLINOIS  
THIS 3rd DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2024.

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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