

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-1736**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CASSELBERRY, FLORIDA ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION DECLARING CITY SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT FOR NEMOURS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA; ENCOURAGING OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO PUBLICLY EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR NEMOURS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the genesis of Nemours is found in the will of Alfred I. duPont where he expressed his desire to alleviate human suffering; and

**WHEREAS**, Nemours was incorporated in 1936 and currently receives funding through the Alfred I. duPont Testamentary Trust and the Edward Ball Estate; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1940 Nemours opened its first health care institution, what is now the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, located in Delaware, and today operates its stand alone children's hospital in Delaware and numerous children's health care clinics in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, since establishing its Orlando clinic in 1997 through 2005, Nemours has provided over \$140 million in mission support to Central Florida, and currently employs a total of more than 200 associates and physicians covering numerous specialties and hospital based physicians; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the pediatric specialty practices and clinics of Nemours operating in Orlando, Pensacola and Jacksonville have invested over \$500 million in mission support in the State of Florida, have treated almost 800,000 Florida children, employ over 130 physicians in the State, have made an economic impact of \$240 million annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Nemours has expressed interest in building a top-tier integrated children's health system, inclusive of a \$250 million state-of-the-art children's hospital in Orlando, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Orlando is blessed with excellent hospitals and that added services and competition will only enhance the healthcare system for the citizens of Central Florida, especially its children; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to providing the kind of specialized care that will attract patients from around the world, Nemours will also employ as many as 1,500 people, add \$350 million annually to the Central Florida economy, enhance the area's reputation as a world-class provider of medical care, make Central Florida a logical location for ancillary health-care based businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Nemours is an independent, comprehensive pediatric hospital, which will improve the well being of the children in Central Florida by providing a location where any and all pediatric ailments can be treated in one facility, and will allow the children of area taxpayers the opportunity to receive care with one high standard of quality and distinction regardless of the recipient's financial status; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of Casselberry hereby finds that the operation of a Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Florida is undoubtedly in the best interests of the citizens of Casselberry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CASSELBERRY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section I. The City Commission proclaims its endorsement and support of the Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Florida and the City Commission encourages other municipalities and local governments in Central Florida to publicly express their support for Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Florida.

Section II. This Resolution shall be spread upon the Official Minutes of the City Commission by the City Clerk and shall be presented to Karen Breakell, Director of Community Relations of Nemours Children's Hospital.

Section III. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section IV. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

Section V. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2006.

ATTEST:



Thelma McPherson  
City Clerk



Bob Goff  
Mayor/Commissioner