

Resolution No. 781

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING AND SUPPORTING NEMOURS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
IN THE METRO AREA; PROVIDING 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, 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, employs over 130 physicians in the state, and 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 the 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, and 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.

WHEREAS, the City Commission would encourage Nemours Children's Hospital to consider constructing a hospital in the metro area that would serve residents of Seminole, Orange, Volusia and Lake counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Lake Mary, Florida, hereby proclaims endorsement and support of the Nemours Children's Hospital in the metro area, and that the City Commission encourages other local governments in Central Florida to publicly express their support for Nemours Children's Hospital in the metro area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to Karen Breakell, Director of Community Relations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2006.

CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA


MAYOR, THOMAS C. GREENE

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK, CAROL A. FOSTER