

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-353R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE CITY COUNCIL'S ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE NEMOURS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

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, have made an economic impact of \$240 million annually; and

WHEREAS, Nemours has expressed interest in building a top-tier integrated children's healthy system, inclusive of \$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 areas 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Florida, as follows:

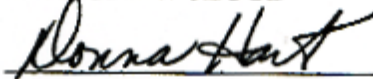
SECTION I. The City Council hereby proclaims its endorsement and support of the Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Florida and that the City Council of the City of St. Cloud encourages other governments in Central Florida to publicly express their support for Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Florida.

SECTION II. This resolution shall be included in the official minutes by the City Clerk of the City of St. Cloud, Florida.


SECTION III. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Florida, on the 9th day of November, 2006.

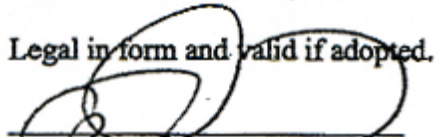
CITY OF ST. CLOUD

  
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Mayor, Donna Hart

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, Lori L. McCorkle

Legal in form and valid if adopted.

  
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City Attorney, Daniel F. Mantzaris