

HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONDUCT A REFERENDUM AT THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ELECTOR APPROVAL FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HARDEE COUNTY INDEPENDENT INDIGENT HEALTH CARE BOARD.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 154.331, Florida Statutes the Hardee County Independent Indigent Health Care Special District Board (the "District Board") was created by Ordinance No. 93-03 and approved by referendum as provided for in Resolution No. 93-04 for the purposes of providing funding for indigent health care; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County, Florida (the "BOCC") has received a request from the District Board to dissolve the independent special district; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the District Board was to provide funding for indigent health care for use by a private hospital developed in Hardee County; and

WHEREAS, currently, the hospital in Hardee County is part of a multi-state health-care system and the BOCC provides alternative funding for health care needs within the County; and

WHEREAS, the District Board authorizes an additional levy on the ad valorem tax bill for Hardee County residents and those funds are used subject to the requirements provided for in Ordinance No. 93.03; and

WHEREAS, Section 154.331, Florida Statutes provides that an independent special district may be dissolved in accordance with Section 165.051, Florida Statutes, requiring an ordinance of the BOCC and approval by a vote of the qualified voters; and

WHEREAS, subject to approval by a majority of the qualified voters of Hardee County, the BOCC deems it to be in the best interest of the residents of Hardee County to dissolve the Hardee County Independent Indigent Health Care Special District.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County Florida, as follows:

Section 1. Recital. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Referendum. The Hardee County Board of Commissioners hereby approve and authorize a referendum for the purpose of obtaining elector approval for the dissolution of the Hardee County Independent Indigent Health Care Board which shall be placed on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot.

The referendum shall be in the form and language as follows:

REFERENDUM TO DISSOLVE THE HARDEE COUNTY INDEPENDENT INDIGENT HEALTH CARE BOARD.

Shall the Hardee County Independent Indigent Health Care Board be dissolved which would eliminate the authority to levy ad valorem taxes for the purpose of providing funding for indigent health care in Hardee County?

YES, for approval

NO, for Rejection

Section 3. Authorization. The Chairman of the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners is authorized and directed to execute any forms, documents, or letters of support in furtherance of this Resolution, and the Hardee County Supervisor of Elections is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL 2022



Russell A. Melendy, Chairman

Attest:


Victoria L. Rogers, Ex-Officio Clerk
to the Board of County Commissioners



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REFERÉNDUM PARA DISOLVER LA JUNTA INDEPENDIENTE DE ATENCIÓN MÉDICA PARA INDIGENTES DEL CONDADO DE HARDEE

¿Debería disolverse la Junta Independiente de Atención Médica para Indigentes del Condado de Hardee, lo que eliminaría la autoridad para recaudar impuestos ad valorem con el fin de proporcionar fondos para la atención médica de indigentes en el Condado de Hardee?

SÍ, para aprobación

NO, por rechazo