

RESOLUTION NO. _____(CM)

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE
SUPPORTING THE CURRENT LAND USE AND ZONING FOR
WATSONVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL SERVING MONTEREY BAY,
THE CENTRAL COAST AND SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Watsonville Community Hospital was founded in 1895 by Dr. P.K. Watters and opened in a five-bedroom home at 3rd Street and Alexander in Watsonville; and

WHEREAS, in 1897, the hospital outgrew the first site and moved to nearby 123 Third Street; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, still growing with the community, Watsonville Community Hospital moved again to a building on Monte Vista Street, with a capacity for 39 patients and doubled in size to 77 beds before moving once again; and

WHEREAS, Watsonville Community Hospital's Board of Directors decided to construct its own building at the corner of Airport Boulevard and Green Valley Road, with an initial capacity of 102 beds which was dedicated on Sunday, July 6, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the hospital was severely damaged by the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake; and

WHEREAS, nearly nine years after the Loma Prieta earthquake, the hospital bought a building near the Watsonville Municipal Airport from Seagate to house its outpatient and administrative services and constructed a three-story, 100,000 square foot building to accommodate a 106-bed hospital located at 75 Nielsen Street; and

WHEREAS, Watsonville Community Hospital serves a diverse population with a comprehensive range of medical, surgical and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Watsonville Community Hospital and Dominican Hospital are the two remaining hospitals with emergency departments that serve the entire County; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning District in which Watsonville Community Hospital is located allows public/private/non-profit hospital uses and non-profit and/or public rehabilitation and medical clinics and prohibits private, for-profit rehabilitation and medical clinics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That, based on information available to the Council at this time, the Council is committed to maintaining the current land use and zoning district for Watsonville Community Hospital located at 75 Nielsen Street.
