

RESOLUTION 2004 - 93

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTH NETWORK (PCHN) APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER STATUS FOR THE HASTINGS AREA.**

**WHEREAS**, Hastings and Southwest St. Johns County is a medically underserved area and a health provider shortage area due to its demographics; and

**WHEREAS**, Hastings and Southwest St. Johns County's major industry is agriculture and the work force is predominately migrant workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Top health disparity indicators such as infant mortality, low birth weight, teen pregnancy, diabetes, cancer and stroke death rate for western St. Johns County score 92 out of 100, demonstrating a clear need for expanded healthcare services; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. S.S. Marathe's Medical Specialists Group has partnered with St. Johns County to provide limited medical services to the area and the current Hastings Medical Center site is not adequately visible and a new expanded site is needed to add additional services that are planned; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirous for St. Johns County and Medical Specialists to seek grants and other resources to expand medical services for the area; and


**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County already provides \$200,000 in cash and in-kind contribution to Medical Specialists for medical services in Hastings.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

1. The above Recitals are hereby adopted as findings of fact.
2. St. Johns County supports Patient-Centered Health Network in seeking a Federally Qualified Health Center in Southwest St. Johns County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 5th day of May, 2004.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
Karen R. Stern, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By:   
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE May 5, 2004