



**RESOLUTION TITLE: LEGISLATIVE REQUEST: TO REQUEST LEGISLATION TO
AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL PROPERTY IN GASTONIA TO GASTON
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Partners Behavioral Health Management is one of eight LME/MCO entities authorized by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to manage mental health, substance use disorder and intellectual/developmental disability services within the state; and,

WHEREAS, Partners manages these services for an eight county region, including Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Catawba, Burke, Surry, Yadkin and Iredell counties; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and the County of Gaston entered into a lease agreement for the County to occupy the campus of the former North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia on December 7, 1979; and,

WHEREAS, Partners Behavioral Health has occupied a large portion of the campus for a number of years, and the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the County, in terms of maintaining the historically significant buildings on the campus, and in maintaining significant employment on the campus, that these activities remain on the campus in the future; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that the best way to facilitate the preservation of the property and the continued occupancy of the property is to obtain title to the campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Gaston County Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly introduce and support legislation to transfer title for the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital property to Gaston County.
2. This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows: