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OPPOSITION RESOLUTION AGAINST THE RECENT DOWNGRADE OF HOLSTON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER TO A LEVEL THREE (3) TRAUMA CENTER

WHEREAS, Gate City is located in Scott County in Southwest Virginia,

WHEREAS, currently there are no Level One or Level Two Trauma Centers in Southwest Virginia,

WHEREAS, Ballad Heath announced that the Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport Tennessee, a Level One Trauma Center, and Bristol Regional Medical Center in Bristol Tennessee, a Level Two Trauma Center, will both be downgraded to a Level Three Trauma Center,

WHEREAS, as a result of the downgrade, the closest Level One Trauma Center will be at the Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee which is about forty-five minutes away,

WHEREAS, the additional transport time will compromise adequate and appropriate patient care and increase patient mortality for many communities in Southwest Virginia including Gate City and Scott County, Virginia,

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Gate City Town Council request that if consideration will not be given for Holston Valley Medical Center to remain a Level One Trauma Center that it be downgraded to a Level Two Trauma Center.

AND LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the Gate City Town Council is opposed to the closing of neonatal intensive care and the Level One Trauma Center at Holston Valley Medical Center.

Adopted this 4th Day of December 2018 by the Mayor and Gate City Town Council.

Frances Perry
Frances Perry – Mayor

Attest: Lisa Loggans
Lisa Loggans – Deputy Town Clerk

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