

**Council Member
Brenda Jones**

ST JOHN HEALTH SYSTEM RESOLUTION

SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRENDA JONES

JOINED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN WATSON

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WHEREAS, The St. John Health System has announced its plan to close St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital; **and**

WHEREAS, The closure of St. John Detroit Riverview threatens to disrupt obstetrics and after one year disrupt emergency care on Detroit's east side; **and**

WHEREAS, Since 2003 the St. John Health System has closed three other Detroit hospitals, Saratoga, Holy Cross and Northeast Community Hospitals; **and**

WHEREAS, St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital is St. John's last central Detroit hospital; **and**

WHEREAS, St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital is the cities oldest hospital, located at 7733 E. Jefferson near Belle Isle, formed through the merging of Detroit Memorial Hospital (the first hospital in the city), Alexander Blain Memorial Hospital and Jennings Memorial Hospital; **and**

WHEREAS, St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital is a major community based state-of-the art hospital with 285 inpatient beds; **and**

WHEREAS, St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital serves almost 30,000 patients annually at its emergency room; **and**

WHEREAS, In 2006, 1,206 babies were born at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital, mostly to single women with Medicaid insurance; **and**

WHEREAS, The community served by St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital is rapidly developing with the construction of new homes, new condos and new businesses; **and**

WHEREAS, There will be no hospital facility to meet the needs of this growing community; **and**

WHEREAS, The closure of St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital could leave the city without adequate health care and could adversely impact the city's ability to provide necessary services for its citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, The closure of St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital would create a crisis to many senior citizens who reside in senior citizens locations on Detroit's East Side, many in walking distance; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council joins others in expressing its opposition to the closure of St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council strongly urge the Mayor to urge St. John Health System to honor its commitment to deliver primary care services to the underinsured and uninsured and to continue to serve the medical needs of residents in the eastside communities by continuing to serve in the St John Detroit Riverview community or by reopening Holy Cross Hospital; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council also strongly urge the Mayor to urge Congress to fund at least four additional Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHC); **AND BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to members of Congress, Governor Granholm, and Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick.