



## Advocacy Board Resolution

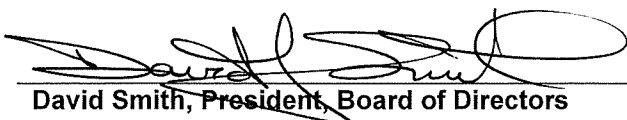
### Whereas:

1. Cherry Health, as one of America's Health Center network, is a vital part of our nation's safety net providing health care to 23 million low-income people in medically underserved communities;
2. Health centers have proven their ability to improve health, reduce illness, and reduce health costs;
3. The survival of our health center is critically important to the health and well-being of our community;
4. The communities served by health centers have higher proportions of both uninsured persons and individuals covered by Medicaid and Medicare;
5. Adequate Medicaid payments and direct federal grant support are absolutely essential to the continued survival of health centers;
6. The current federal fiscal situation threatens not only funding for Medicaid and Medicare, but also funding for important domestic programs like Health Centers;
7. In the environment in which we are preparing to make the strongest case for Health Centers, our center's participation with and membership in Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) and in NACHC has never been more vital.

### Be it resolved that Board and Staff of the Cherry Health:

1. Expresses its full and complete commitment to:
  - a. Take immediate action to educate and inform our staff, board, and patients as to the potential threats which may endanger our health center.
  - b. Educate public policymakers on the importance of our health center, the importance of Medicaid and Medicare to our patients and center, and the ability of our center to assist the nation in expanding access, preventing illness, and reducing health care expenditures.
  - c. Fully participate with MPCA on the state level, and with NACHC at the national level, to demonstrate to the federal and state governments that health centers like ours are an essential part of America's commitment to health care and an essential part of the strategy to deliver effective, efficient AND high-quality care.
  - d. Stay in touch with MPCA and NACHC to share information on current developments and key action plans.
  - e. Express our support for MPCA and for NACHC, to demonstrate that Health Centers are united in our commitment to protect the vital resources that support the care we provide to our patients, and to make the case for continued support at all levels of government and society.
2. Calls upon MPCA and NACHC to place the highest priority in preparing for and dealing with policies which adversely threaten health centers and the populations they serve, including educating and mobilizing our health center movement.
3. Pledges our strong support for the efforts provided by MPCA and NACHC and appeals to Congress and the Administration to assure that this support continues.

### Reviewed and Approved by the Board of Directors:

  
David Smith, President, Board of Directors

12/7/2017  
Date