



**Resolution of Support for Adequate Funding to meet the Mental Health, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Disorder service needs for Citizens of Craven County**

**WHEREAS**, Craven County knows that citizens dealing with mental illness and substance use disorders can achieve recovery with the appropriate services and supports and that citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live productive lives in our communities with similar services and supports; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding needed for such services and supports is increasing due to North Carolina's increasing population and the opioid epidemic in our State; and

**WHEREAS**, Craven County is a member of Trillium Health Resources, a twenty-four county LME/MCO serving eastern North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the intent of the NC General Assembly and the NC Department of Health and Human Services, the Board of Trillium Health Resources has developed and is implementing a robust reinvestment plan to use savings that is benefiting the citizens of Craven County with such enhancements as accessible playgrounds, Access Point Kiosks, and new evidence-based services; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly has made significant budget reductions in State funding for the past two years; and

**WHEREAS**, the formula used to allocate the reduction statewide in the current fiscal year was based on 2015 information, which has resulted in a disproportionate reduction to Trillium Health Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, these budget reductions can no longer be absorbed by Trillium Health Resources without jeopardizing services to Craven County citizens, negatively impacting the lives of people in need of service as well as potentially impacting the local economy through job loss.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that the North Carolina General Assembly:

- Maintain full State funding for mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services without further reductions; and
- Allow Trillium Health Resources to continue to use its savings to reinvest in enhanced services in our communities rather than having to use that funding to replace State budget reductions; and
- Modify the formula by which any future reductions in funding are allocated, if such reductions must be made, to ensure the reduction is fairly distributed statewide.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Chairman Thomas F. Mark  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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