

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Hilton Head Hospital and Medical Center, located in Beaufort County, South Carolina, has applied to the State of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for a Certificate of Need for an open heart surgery program to be located on Hilton Head Island; and

Beaufort Memorial Hospital is the County's largest hospital and, as part of its affiliation with the Duke University Health System, plans to develop open heart surgery services in the future; and


WHEREAS, Beaufort Memorial Hospital contends that neither Hilton Head Hospital or Beaufort Memorial Hospital is prepared to establish an open heart surgery program at this time; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort Memorial Hospital contends that if Hilton Head Hospital is awarded a Certificate of Need for open heart surgery that Beaufort Memorial Hospital may be precluded from gaining a Certificate of Need in the future.

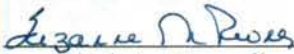
THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Beaufort County Council recommends to the State of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control that no application for open heart services be approved for Beaufort County, South Carolina until both hospitals are prepared to participate in a comparative Certificate of Need application process.

Adopted this 12 day of March, 2001.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By:   
Thomas C. Taylor, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Clerk to Council