

# RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE IN SUPPORT OF NEMOURS ORLANDO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL; ENCOURAGING SUPPORT OF OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR NEMOURS ORLANDO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the genesis of Nemours is found in the will of Alfred I. DuPont where he expressed his desire to alleviate human suffering; and

**WHEREAS**, Nemours was incorporated in 1936 and currently receives funding through the Alfred I. DuPont Testamentary Trust and the Edward Ball Estate; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1940 Nemours opened its first health care institution, what is now the Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children, located in Delaware, and today operates its stand alone children's hospital in Delaware and numerous children's health care clinics in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, since establishing its Orlando clinic in 1997 through 2005, Nemours has provided over \$140 million in mission support to Central Florida, currently employs a total of more than 200 associates and physicians covering numerous specialties and hospital based physicians; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the pediatric specialty practices and clinics of Nemours operating in Orlando, Pensacola and Jacksonville have invested over \$500 million in mission support in the State of Florida, have treated almost 800,000 Florida children, employ over 130 physicians in the State, and have had an economic impact of \$240 million annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Nemours is proposing to build a fully endowed, top-tier integrated children's health system, inclusive of a 95 bed, \$260 million state-of-the-art children's hospital, in addition to the planned clinic and related facilities in Orlando, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Orlando is fortunate to have excellent community hospitals and that Nemours' addition of pediatric subspecialty care will serve to enhance the healthcare system for infants, children and adolescents, regardless of their financial status; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to providing the kind of specialized care that will attract patients from around the world, Nemours will also employ as many as 1,500 people, add as much as \$350 million annually to the Central Florida economy, enhance the region's reputation as a world-class provider of medical care, make Central Florida a logical location for ancillary health-care based businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Central Florida will have access to the Nemours Biomedical Research Program, ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in National Institutes of Health funding among children's hospitals, based on 2004 rankings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nemours Orlando Children's Hospital along with the new UCF Medical School, a VA hospital, the Burnham Institute, and our two existing community hospitals, will create a "medical center of excellence" that will benefit our children, our families and our region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nemours Orlando Children's Hospital will target patients with complex pediatric disease issues that require highly specialized resources and integrated patient management without requiring government subsidies.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the City of Belle Isle hereby finds that the proposed Nemours Orlando Children's Hospital is in the best interests of the citizens of this community and region and that the City of Belle Isle supports the efforts to build the Nemours Orlando Children's Hospital and encourages other municipalities and local governments in Central Florida to publicly express their support as well.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that this Resolution be spread upon the Official Minutes of the City of Belle Isle, this Resolution be presented to Karen Breakell, Director of Community Relations of Nemours.

**ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2007, A.D.**



William G. Brooks, P.E., Mayor