

A Resolution of Recognition

**Supporting Gwinnett Medical Center's Certificate of Need Application
for Open Heart Surgery**

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, with partners in government, education, healthcare and business, is readily implementing Gwinnett's community and economic development plan known as Partnership Gwinnett; and

WHEREAS, the shared vision of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and Partnership Gwinnett is to offer the citizens of Gwinnett County the highest quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and Partnership Gwinnett recognize that additional healthcare resources are critical to enhance the community's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County is the most highly populated county in the United States without an open heart surgery program, with an estimated 776,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett's population is second only to Fulton County's and larger than the population of DeKalb, Cobb, and Hall counties – all of which have open heart surgery programs within their borders; and

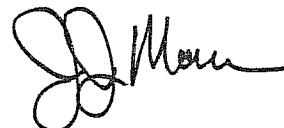
WHEREAS, considerable travel distances from Gwinnett County to existing open heart facilities combined with often heavy traffic volume lead to delays in transport for cardiac patients to other facilities for open heart surgery or angioplasty services; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett Medical Center has proven its ability to provide the highest clinical quality by having been ranked among the top five percent in the nation for clinical excellence.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Board of Directors of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Partnership Gwinnett, do hereby endorse and actively support Gwinnett Medical Center's efforts to obtain a Certificate of Need from the State Department of Community Health for an Open Heart surgery program and their efforts to enlist community support. Having an Open-Heart surgery program within our borders is the most significant health issue facing the citizens of Gwinnett County today.



Tom Martin
Chairman, Board of Directors
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce



Jim Maran
President
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce

Signed on the 13th day of December, 2007.