RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, St. James Mercy Hospital located in the City of Hornell, County of Steuben and State of New York currently is a full-service hospital with beds available for the in-patient treatment of patients, and a maternity ward, and

WHEREAS, Catholic Health East has notified St. James Mercy Hospital that they will no longer be supporting the hospital operations and, as a result, St. James Mercy Hospital will be losing its maternity ward as well as any and all in-patient services, and

WHEREAS, that while the population size for the Hornell area is approximately 80,000 people, there is a lack of adequate public transportation in the area which would allow the local population to travel to other regional hospitals to receive medical care, and

WHEREAS, this board is very concerned regarding the nature and availability of the quality of the future health care in this geographic area, and

WHEREAS, this board acknowledges that the health care industry is constantly changing and the general population of New York State must adapt to its changing nature,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that this board hereby fully supports a health care plan for the City of Hornell and its surrounding area which would include a limited inpatient presence along with a maternity ward, and it is further

RESOLVED, that this board hereby urges that Howard Zucker, the Acting Commissioner for the New York State Department of Health, and all other federal, state and local government officials to do anything in their power to insure that the people in the area served by St. James Mercy Hospital have adequate health care in the future, which would include a limited in-patient presence, along with a maternity ward.