## **RESOLUTION 23-18**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE, SOUTH CAROLINA TOWN COUNCIL, ACKNOWLEDGING THE LACK OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN THE YEMASSEE AREA AND ENDORSING POTENTIAL HEALTHCARE OPTIONS ESTABLISHING IN THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Yemassee is considered by many as a "healthcare desert", meaning that there is a lack of access to healthcare within the Town limits and immediate area; and,

WHEREAS, barriers such as lack of transportation, distance and provider availability are barriers to healthcare to the population; and,

WHEREAS, Genesis Healthcare, Inc, a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) healthcare provider with locations throughout the Lowcountry and Pee Dee regions of South Carolina are evaluating the Yemassee area for a potential expansion; and,

WHEREAS, access to quality healthcare, close to home, is a fundamental human right and the Town of Yemassee supports the expansion and access of healthcare for a range of specialties; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Yemassee shares the vision of Genesis Healthcare to improve the health of our community and will provide any and all support and resources necessary to facilitate the development of a health clinic and Pharmacy within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE: THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE ACKNOWLEDGES THE LACK OF HEALTHCARE RESOURCES IN THE YEMASSEE AREA AND ENDORSES THE RESEARCH AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF A HEALTHCARE FACILITY AND PHARMACY WITHIN THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE AND WILL PROVIDE ANY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES NECESSARY TO GENESIS HEALTHCARE TO CONSIDER YEMASSEE AS A LOCATION FOR THEIR NEXT LOCATION.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEIATELY UPON ADOPTION, SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED AS OF THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE 2023.

Colin J Moore, Mayor

**ATTEST:** Matthew E. Garnes, Town Administrator