



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK

Date: August 7, 2013

Sponsored by Council Members: Motsavage, Webb, Matzo, Berg, Mihalko, Papastrat

Introduced by Committee: Municipal and Public Affairs

RESOLUTION

entitled

A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK
STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH TO NOT
CLOSE INPATIENT SERVICES AT THE
GREATER BINGHAMTON HEALTH CENTER

WHEREAS, the Greater Binghamton Health Center ranks first for the Office of Mental Health's Children's Hospitals & Units and third overall for adult hospitals in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) is planning to close inpatient services at the Greater Binghamton Health Center (GBHC); and

WHEREAS, closing inpatient psychiatric services at the GBHC will result in a huge service gap; and

WHEREAS, currently it takes six to thirty-six hours to place a child in an inpatient center, but closing the GBHC will increase the time to twenty-four to seventy-two hours; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation plan will move children services to Utica and adult services to Syracuse, forcing families to travel long hours to visit their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, mental health experts argue that family support is critical for children during their recovery process.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session does hereby:

RESOLVE that the Council of the City of Binghamton urges the New York State Office of Mental Health to not close inpatient psychiatric services at the Greater Binghamton Health Center; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution embossed with the seal of the City of Binghamton be sent to OMH officials, Senator Tom Libous, Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, and Governor Andrew Cuomo.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy
of the legislation adopted by the Council
of the City of Binghamton at a meeting
held on 8/5/13. Approved by the
Mayor on 8/18/13.

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the City of Binghamton.

Date AUGUST 7, 2013

Angela Holmes
City Clerk

Date Presented to Mayor AUGUST 8, 2013

Date Approved 8/8/13
Matthew J. Ry
Mayor

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Motsavage	✓			
Mihalko	✓			
Rennia	✓			
Webb	✓			
Papastrat	✓			
Matzo	✓			
Berg	✓			
Total	7	0	0	0

Code of the City of Binghamton

Adopted Defeated

7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Mayor on _____ Approved by the _____ of the City of Binghamton at a meeting of the legislative body adopted by the Council I hereby certify the above to be a true copy.