

Agenda Item # 50

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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ADJOURNED REGULAR SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2003 SESSION  
MAY 11, 2004

MADAM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Health and Human Services Committee presents herewith a Resolution affirming its support for maintaining a private hospital in Waukegan and for the establishment of a new private hospital in northwest Lake County, and requests its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

	Aye	Nay
<u>Andy Cole</u> Chairman	✓	___
<u>Steve Carlson</u> Vice-Chairman	✓	___
<u>Carol Spielman</u>	✓	___
<u>Marybeth Linnig</u>	✓	___
<u>Donald W. Bauer</u>	✓	___
<u>Audrey Ruffin</u>	✓	___
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Health & Human Services Committee

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the population of Lake County, Illinois, grew from 179,097 in 1950 to 644,356 in the official 2000 census, resulting in the rate of population growth of Lake County being higher than that of the Chicago six-county metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the County's population is projected to continue increasing through the 2020 horizon of the Lake County Regional Framework Plan; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of Lake County's population is also increasing with the racial and ethnic diversity of the County also expected to continue to increase through 2020, with additional shifts in demographic trends anticipated, including increasing Hispanic and Asian populations and a growing older-adults population; and

WHEREAS, the fastest population growth is projected to occur in the northwest section of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, population growth and development in some areas can cause unintended impacts on traffic, infrastructure, and public services such as hospitals, the Lake County Regional Framework Plan recognizes the need for hospitals to be within a reasonable driving distance for all residents; and

WHEREAS, significant energies have gone into managing the growth of this County to better assure a healthy and productive life style for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Regional Framework Plan specifically encourages the establishment of a hospital presence in northwest Lake County while maintaining a hospital presence in Waukegan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake County Board affirms its support to Vista Health Care Systems or any other private hospital system in order to maintain an adequate private hospital presence in Waukegan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake County Board affirms its support for the establishment of a new private hospital presence in northwest Lake County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board strongly encourages all hospitals in Lake County to share fairly in treatment of the uninsured and under served in the immediate region, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of the Resolution to the County Board, County Administrator, and Executive Director of the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center, and Director of Lake County Planning, Building and Development.

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2004.