

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2003

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUED OPERATION AND EXPANSION OF THE VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER, BIG SPRING TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the Veterans Medical Center, Big Spring, Texas, provides a vital service for the medical treatment of veterans who come from a 47-county area, 15.0% of those veterans from Taylor County, many of whom need expert nursing and complicated medical treatment for physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Medical Center, Big Spring, Texas, is centrally located in West Texas making it convenient for thousands of veterans residing in this 47-county service area; and

WHEREAS, disabled veterans, including many of whom are wheelchair bound, reside in Abilene and Taylor County, and the close proximity of the Big Spring VA Hospital makes health care convenient; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Medical Center, Big Spring, Texas, is beneficial for the hundreds of retired Dyess Air Force personnel who live in Abilene and Taylor County providing them with critical health care; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of the Veterans Medical Center, Big Spring, Texas, would create a health crisis for hundreds, possibly thousands of veterans in this area and would deal an economic blow upon thousands of Big Spring residents and a lasting indirect blow upon the many veterans in Abilene and Taylor County, medically, economically, and emotionally; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the Abilene City Council supports the continued operation and the expansion of the Veterans Medical Center, Big Spring, Texas, as an integral part of the health and lives of Abilene and Taylor County veterans.

PART 2: That the Abilene City Council urges all Abilene and Taylor County citizens to join in supporting the perpetuation and expansion of the Veterans Medical Center in Big Spring, Texas, for its extremely valuable services to veterans of Abilene, Taylor County, and throughout this area of the state of Texas.

PART 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 25th day of September, A.D. 2003.

ATTEST:

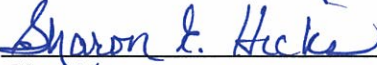


City Secretary



Mayor

APPROVED:



City Attorney