

**RESOLUTION
NO.**

WHEREAS, the existing 30-year Contract with the Medical Center Hospital Authority will expire on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2021, this Council passed Resolution #354-21 to request the local legislative delegation to introduce a local act that would update and redefine healthcare purposed for the health care levy of up to three mills of ad valorem tax; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2022, the Governor signed the requested local Act No.639 into law; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government FY23 Recommended Budget includes a levy of 2.5 mills for Indigent Health Care and Inmate Health Care purposes; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to set forth its intentions with respect to the Consolidated Government's plans to continue to provide health care support for indigent residents of Muscogee County.

NOW BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. In light of the greater flexibility given the Consolidated Government as a result of the changes made by Act No. 639, this Council is establishing a new and innovative program, the ("Indigent Health Care Program") to seek broader and more effective programming to provide health care services for those in this underserved sector.
2. The staff is directed to issue an RFP prior to June 30,2022 to request bids to provide a wide range of professional medical services to qualified indigent residents of Muscogee County who are not covered by commercial insurance or any other government health plan. The RFP will clearly identify the qualifications for those using the services and the requirements under which successful bidders will be able to obtain reimbursement for services provided pursuant to the RFP. The award will not be limited to one agency but is expected to allow a wide range of health care facilities to participate in the Indigent Health Care Program.
3. In order to ensure that there is no time period when health care services are not available to qualifying individuals in Muscogee County, this Council hereby resolves its intention that all entities which are successful bidders in the upcoming RFP will have an opportunity to seek reimbursement for some of their costs for services provided beginning July 1, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of any contract they are awarded under the RFP.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

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