City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **April 8, 2013**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 2

From: Glenn H. Nichols, City Manager

Subject:

Resolution 9-2013 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, expressing support for the proposed Benson Clinic of Marana Health Center, Inc.

Discussion:

The Benson Hospital has asked the City Council to approve a Resolution of support for Marana Health Care. Marana Health Care is applying for a grant that will allow the opening of a facility in Benson to provide medical and dental care to low-income children and adults. This facility will be a positive addition to health care in Benson as they will be available to provide services that are now going to the emergency room at the hospital.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 9-2013

RESOLUTION 9-2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED BENSON CLINIC OF MARANA HEALTH CENTER, INC.

WHEREAS, Marana Health Center, Inc. (MHC) has provided primary and preventive health services to the Marana community since 1957; and

WHEREAS, MHC originally focused on migrant farm workers and has evolved into a modern health facility that provides a broad scope of primary, preventive, behavioral health and oral health services to the rural Marana community; and

WHEREAS, MHC operates 13 satellite clinics in northern Pima County and the City of Tucson; and

WHEREAS, MHC provides care to all patients seeking care regardless of availability to pay; and

WHEREAS, MHC is interested in opening a clinic in Benson, Arizona, which is currently underserved with few low-cost healthcare options; and

WHEREAS, MHC has applied for a New Access Point (NAP) grant to obtain necessary funding for the proposed Benson clinic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, that it hereby expresses its strong support for Marana Health Center's proposed clinic in Benson as an excellent means of providing much-needed additional healthcare services to an underserved low-income and senior population within Benson and the surrounding community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, support MHC's New Access Point grant application as a means of securing funding necessary for the proposed clinic.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 8th day of April, 2013.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MICHAEL J. MASSEE, City Attorney