



STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF BEXAR §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Brook Army Medical Center (BAMC), as a certified Level 1 Trauma Center, plays a critical role in patient care, graduate medical education and research, as well as caring for wounded military service members, and civilian members of the Bexar County community; and

WHEREAS, on a monthly basis, the center receives more than 6,000 emergency room visits and is one of only 34 hospitals in the United States that holds both Level 1 Trauma certification and accreditation from the American Burn Association; and Department of Defense Burn Center which is the sole Burn Center for Southwest Texas; and

WHEREAS, the University Hospital as the city's other Level I trauma center is BAMC's mission partner. University Hospital and the faculty of University Texas Health San Antonio play a significant role in the care of critically ill patients, education, and training of military health professionals from all the services. In concert with this unique partnership, the level of clinical activity of the Level I Trauma Center at University Health System must also not be compromised; and

WHEREAS, loss of the BAMC mission would threaten additional military missions during a time when the Department of Defense is looking for efficiencies throughout the enterprise. Additionally, any reduction in the BAMC mission would cause a significant loss of wartime readiness and maintenance of skills of approximately 8,800 staff surgeons, nurses, technicians, and other allied health personnel; and

WHEREAS, loss of the BAMC military mission could threaten additional missions causing a devastating setback to Bexar County and surround areas economy which the Texas State Comptroller announced to be approximately \$49 billion annually; now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bexar County Commissioners Court:

1. FULLY SUPPORTS PROTECTING BAMC’S MISSIONS THROUGH PRESERVING THE NECESSARY CRITICAL PATIENT VOLUME REQUIRED FOR HIGH-QUALITY OUTCOMES FOR CIVILIANS AND MILITARY MISSION READINESS;
AND
2. ACKNOWLEDGES THE CENTER’S IMPORTANCE TO REGIONAL TRAUMA CARE, MILITARY MEDICAL TRAINING, AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE THE CENTER PLAYS IN THE NATION’S DEFENSE.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Bexar County Commissioners Court in San Antonio, Texas, on this 19th day of December 2017, in Bexar County, Texas.

NELSON W. WOLFF
County Judge

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