



RESOLUTION NO. 05-22a

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE MAYORS' PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER IN CHILLICOTHE OHIO

WHEREAS, The Mayors' Partnership for Progress represents the interests of municipalities in 18 counties in southeast Ohio, representing 128 communities and a population of just under 800,000; and

WHEREAS, our veteran population continues to have urgent and pressing medical needs that cannot be met within our footprint should the facility be shuttered; and

WHEREAS, many of our veteran population will be required to drive upwards of six hours round trip to receive adequate healthcare should the facility in Chillicothe close; and

WHEREAS, there is no available public transportation between our region and the nearest VA facility in Dayton; and

WHEREAS, there is no alternative mental health facility for veterans in southeast Ohio for these urgent, life-saving services; and

THEREFORE, the members of the Mayors' Partnership for Progress declare its unwavering support for and strongly recommends the Veterans' Administration medical center in Chillicothe, Ohio remain open to provide critically important services to our citizens in southeastern Ohio.

Steve Patterson, Mayor of Athens
President

Jennifer Lyle, Mayor of New Concord
Vice President

Adopted: May 12, 2022 by unanimous vote