

RESOLUTION NO. 2144-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK INDICATING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED USE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE LAKE BALDWIN VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) MEDICAL CLINIC BY THE VA

WHEREAS, the State of Florida currently has the third largest veteran population in the nation, only behind California and Texas and will soon surpass Texas in terms of veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the need for veterans medical care increases in the state of Florida, it is necessary to maintain the operation of the current VA medical facilities already in operation; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Baldwin VA Medical Clinic is scheduled to close upon the opening of the new medical city facility in Lake Nona; and

WHEREAS, the new medical city complex in Lake Nona will have 1.2 million square feet of space; and

WHEREAS, VA's projections show a need for 2.2 million square feet of space to serve the region's veteran population; and

WHEREAS, with keeping the Lake Baldwin VA Medical Clinic open, the region would have 2.1 million square feet of space; and

WHEREAS, even with the new facility in Lake Nona in conjunction with the Lake Baldwin VA Medical Clinic, the VA is still 100,000 square feet of space below the requirement; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the VA to meet the medical care needs of veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the VA should keep the Lake Baldwin Park VA Medical Clinic open and serving the medical care needs of the region's veterans following the opening of the new facility at Lake Nona; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lake Baldwin Medical Clinic should NOT be converted into administrative space; and

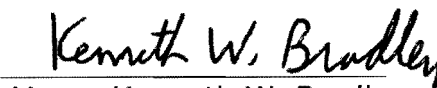
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lake Baldwin VA Medical Clinic should continue to be utilized for veteran's medical care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the VA Secretary.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida on July 28, 2014.

ATTEST:

  
Cynthia S. Bonham, MMC, City Clerk

  
Mayor Kenneth W. Bradley