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N.C. Department of Health and Human Services
2714 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, N.C. 27699-2714

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Medical Facilities
PLANNING SECTION

Re: Petition for Adjusted Need Determination for Hospice
Inpatient Beds in Carteret County in the 2011 SMFP

Dear Dr. Pulliam:

As Mayor of the Town of Morehead City, and on behalf of the citizens in the surrounding communities of Carteret County, I support Crystal Coast Hospice House's effort to petition for hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County. The commitment of the Crystal Coast Hospice House to provide quality services is very apparent and widely acknowledged.

Our community is generously blessed with extensive and capable medical and related facilities and personnel. However, residents of our community do not have local access to a hospice inpatient facility and must travel great distances to receive such services. The nearest hospice inpatient beds are located in either Wilmington or Greenville, N.C., nearly 100 miles from Morehead City. This places a burden for patients, their families and their friends to endure during a time of crisis. Establishing a hospice inpatient facility in Carteret County will provide much needed local access to inpatient hospice services to residents of our county.

The Town of Morehead City recognizes the important of inpatient hospital care and wholeheartedly supports the approval of a need determination for hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County in the 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald A. Jones, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

Gerald A. Jones, Jr.
Mayor

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