

1 **Summary of Ordinance**

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3 The purpose of this Ordinance is to extend the North Lake County Hospital District for ten (10)
4 years. The North Lake County Hospital District is by law to dissolve at the end of its fiscal year
5 in 2017. The North Lake County Hospital District is an independent special taxing district
6 created to provide a means to pay for indigent care to the residents who reside in the District. If
7 approved, the District will continue to exist for an additional ten (10) years.
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10 **ORDINANCE 2016-___**

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12 **AN ORDINANCE OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A**
13 **CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING NORTH LAKE COUNTY**
14 **HOSPITAL DISTRICT IN LAKE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR**
15 **APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION BY VOTES IN A**
16 **REFERENDUM; PROVIDING THAT THE CONTINUATION SHALL BE**
17 **EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS BEGINNING**
18 **OCTOBER 1, 2017; PROVIDING FOR THE REFERENDUM TO BE**
19 **CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION**
20 **TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016; PROVIDING BALLOT**
21 **LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE**
22 **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; AUTHORIZING**
23 **EXPENDITURES FOR INFORMING THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR**
24 **SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A CONFLICT CLAUSE; PROVIDING**
25 **FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND PROVIDING**
26 **AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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29 **WHEREAS**, Section 189.03, Florida Statutes authorizes the creation of independent
30 special districts; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 2012-258, Laws of Florida, creates and establishes the North Lake
32 County Hospital District in Lake County, Florida (“District”) as an independent special taxing
33 district; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the District acts as a means to pay for medically necessary health care to
35 the qualified residents of the District; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 14, Chapter 2012-258, Laws of Florida, states that the District shall
2 expire and dissolve at the end of its fiscal year in 2017, without further act of the Legislature;
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4 **WHEREAS**, Section 14, Chapter 2012-258, Laws of Florida, allows the District to
5 continue for an additional ten (10) years if a majority of the electors voting in a referendum
6 called for that purpose approve continuation of the District; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Section 15 of Chapter 2012-258, Laws of Florida, provides that the Lake
8 County Board of County Commissioners shall call a referendum in conjunction with the general
9 election to be held on November 8, 2016, or such other general election date as provided by
10 general law; and

11 **WHEREAS**, continuation of the District would serve a public purpose by allowing
12 indigent care of the residents of Lake County to continue.

13 **NOW THEREFORE**, be it obtained by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake
14 County, Florida as follows:

15 **Section 1. Continuation of the North Lake County Hospital District.** The Board
16 of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida hereby calls a referendum regarding the
17 continuation of the North Lake County Hospital District (“District”).

18 **Section 2. Referendum.** The North Lake County Hospital District shall not continue
19 unless and until its continuation is approved by a majority of the electors of Lake County voting
20 in a general election as required by this Ordinance.

21 **Section 3. Duration.** The continuation of the North Lake County Hospital District,
22 if approved by a majority of the electors of Lake County, shall commence on October 1, 2017

1 and shall remain in place for a period of ten (10) years from October 1, 2017 to September 30,
2 2027.

3 **Section 4. Administration.** If approved by a majority of the electors of Lake
4 County, the District shall continue to be administered and organized as provided in Chapter
5 2012-258, Florida Statutes.

6 **Section 5. General Election.** The electors of Lake County may vote as to whether
7 the North Lake Hospital District shall be continued as set forth in Chapter 2012-258, Laws of
8 Florida. The Supervisor of Elections of Lake County shall conduct the vote in conjunction with
9 the general election to be held on November 8, 2016. The form of the ballot for said referendum
10 shall be as follows:

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12 **CONTINUATION OF THE NORTH LAKE COUNTY HOSPITAL**
13 **DISTRICT**

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15 Shall the independent special district known as the North Lake County Hospital
16 District with authority to levy each year an ad valorem tax not to exceed 1 mill to
17 fund indigent care to qualified residents of the district be continued for another 10
18 years?

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20 **YES**

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22 **NO**

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25 **Section 6. Notice of Special Election.** A notice of the special election shall be
26 published in a newspaper of general circulation in Lake County at least twice, once in the fifth
27 week and once in the third week prior to the week of November 8, 2016.

28 **Section 7. Notice of Passage.** The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is
29 directed to notify the Supervisor of Elections and the Department of Economic Opportunity
30 immediately upon the passage of this Ordinance. The Clerk of the Board of County

1 Commissioners is further directed to notify the Department of Economic Opportunity of the
2 outcome of the referendum election within thirty (30) days of the date of said election. Said
3 notice shall include a copy of this Ordinance and such other information as the Department of
4 Economic Opportunity shall require. The address for the Department of Economic Opportunity,
5 Division of Community Development, Special District Accountability Program, is 107 E.
6 Madison Street, MSC-400, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6508.

7 **Section 8. Authorizing Expenditures for Informing the Public.** Public funds and
8 public resources may be utilized to mount an informational campaign regarding the referendum.
9 Such expenditures shall be made in accordance with Section 106.113, Florida Statutes. The
10 Board of County Commissioners of Lake County finds that the expenditure of such funds and the
11 use of such resources is for a public purpose and is an authorized expenditure/use.

12 **Section 9. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this
13 Ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such
14 holding or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and it shall be
15 construed to have been the Commissioner's intent to pass this Ordinance without such
16 unconstitutional, invalid or inoperative part therein; and the remainder of this Ordinance, after
17 the exclusion of such part or parts shall be deemed and held to be valid, as if such parts had not
18 been included herein; or if this Ordinance or any provisions thereof shall be held inapplicable to
19 any person, groups of persons, property, kind of property, circumstances or set of circumstances,
20 such holding shall not effect the applicability thereof to any other person, property or
21 circumstances.

1 **Section 10. Conflict.** Any ordinance or part thereof in conflict with this
2 Ordinance or any part hereof is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict unless otherwise
3 addressed herein.

4 **Section 11. Filing with the Department of State.** The Clerk shall be and is hereby
5 directed forthwith to send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Secretary of State for the State
6 of Florida.

7 **Section 12. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect as provided for by
8 law.

9 **ENACTED** this day of _____ day of _____, 2016.

11 **FILED** with the Secretary of State the ____ day of _____, 2016.

13 **EFFECTIVE** _____, 2016.

16 ATTEST:
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21 Neil Kelly, Clerk of the
22 Board of County Commissioners of
23 Lake County, Florida

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Sean M. Parks, Chairman

This ____ day of _____, 2016.

26 Approved as to form and legality:
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29 Melanie Marsh, County Attorney
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