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CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

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March 25, 2015

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: APPLICATION #15-006 FOR "BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL BIRTHING CENTER"

As the Mayor of Bloomington, Illinois, I fully support application #15-006 for "Bloomington-Normal Birthing Center." This new birthing center is supported by many of our citizens and multiple local health care organizations. In addition, the birthing center will provide service to a health professional shortage area, as determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Bringing an alternative healthcare delivery model such as a birth center to our community will help stimulate job opportunities in health services and also provide a dedicated place for certified nurse midwives and doulas to practice their profession. Our citizens have shown a strong interest in safe alternatives for an out-of-hospital birth experience and are looking to reduce the rate of C-sections. Having a local birthing center in Bloomington will better align cost with the actual needs of our local low-risk maternity patients who are generally healthy as well as motivated and engaged to seek the best possible care for themselves and their baby.

I believe that Bloomington-Normal presents a unique location for a birthing center in Central Illinois due to the City's strategic location, easy interstate access, and a wide variety of family-friendly amenities. We also have many outdoor facilities including Miller Park Zoo, The Children's Discovery Museum, Constitution Trail and other wonderful parks, which include our award-winning McGraw Park, located less than a mile away from the proposed location of this birthing center. My hope would be that expectant mothers from around Central Illinois would come to Bloomington for their prenatal care and delivery and then stay to enjoy all that our community has to offer.

Sincerely,

Tari Renner

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL BIRTHING CENTER, L.L.C., HAVING ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2014, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

In Testimony Whereof, *I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this* 19TH *day of* FEBRUARY *A.D.* 2015 .

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

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