

## RESOLUTION 2024-09

### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT UNDER THE SOUTHERN OHIO CHAMBER ALLIANCE BENEFIT PLAN (SOCABP), FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MEDICAL INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, substantial discussion has taken place among the Village administration on how to best meet the ongoing needs and address the increasing costs of providing medical insurance to employees of the Village of Hiram; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of continuing to purchase medical insurance as a member of the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance has been identified as the most economical method of providing medical insurance to fulltime Village employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance presently offers medical insurance to its members through Anthem, and the Village Council wants to approve administration actions to provide medical benefits to the employees of the Village through Anthem.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Village of Hiram, Portage County, Ohio, two thirds or more of the members thereto concurring that:

**Section 1:** The Council finds that the Anthem medical, dental, life insurance and vision plans offered through the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance is the best value available for the Village to purchase for its employees for the term beginning in May 2024.

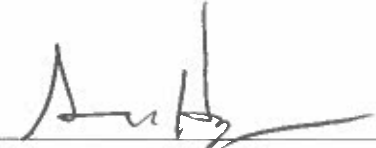
**Section 2:** The actions taken by the Village administration to continue the medical plan offered through the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. The Council expressly ratifies the actions taken.

**Section 3:** The Mayor and the Fiscal Officer are hereby authorized to execute and submit the documents attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which documents are incorporated herein by reference, and to take such further steps as are necessary to complete the application and to have the Village participate in the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance offered benefit plans.

**Section 4:** This Resolution is declared an emergency measure becoming effective immediately upon its passage by the Mayor for the reason that the Village must act now to continue to participate in the insurance benefits available now through the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance to its employees and wishes to do so by participating in the most economical and advantageous plan available.

**Section 5:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that the deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

PASSED IN COUNCIL on first reading as an emergency on April 9, 2024.

  
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Mayor Anne Haynam

ATTEST:

  
Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung

Approved as to form:

  
Village Solicitor Jennifer Kangas Berendt

I SUSAN DEYOUNG, Fiscal Officer of the  
Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that  
the foregoing Resolution or Ordinance  
No. 2024-01 has been duly posted in the  
required 5 places.

4/16/2024   
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram