

**RESOLUTION 2020-08**

**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 purchasing medical insurance as a member of the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance have previously 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 2020.

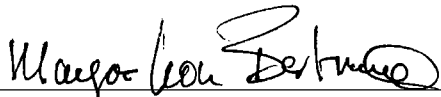
**Section 2:** The actions taken by the Village administration to locate and establish the medical plan offered through the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. The Council expressly ratifies the actions taken to execute and submit the documents attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 3:** The Mayor and the Fiscal Officer are hereby authorized 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.

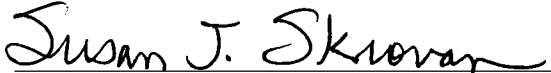
**Section 4:** This Resolution is declared an emergency measure becoming effective immediately upon its passage by the Mayor for the reason that the Village must act now to participate in the insurance benefits available now through the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance to its employees and wishes to do 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 sale 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 14, 2020.

  
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Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:

  
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Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan

Approved as to form:

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Village Solicitor Thomas Reitz