

RESOLUTION

OF SUPPORT BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, FOR HOUSE BILL 1774; WHICH AUTHORIZES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTRACT WITH FEDERAL, STATE(S), OR PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL ENTITIES TO PROVIDE INMATE AND OFFENDERS HOUSING AT THE GEORGE/GREENE COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

WHEREAS, the George County Board of Supervisors has owned and operated the George County/Greene County Regional Correctional Facility for more than 10 years housing minimum and medium security offenders for the Mississippi Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, the George County Regional Correctional Facility has an outstanding record of incarceration meeting all state requirements and provides a cost-efficient means of housing for State inmates; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Corrections has removed approximately 30 percent of State inmates from the County's facility with virtually no notice to County officials for what appears to be strictly statewide political reasons; and

WHEREAS, this noteworthy reduction of State inmates comes midway through the County's fiscal year causing serious financial impacts on the County's current budget which could lead to County employee layoffs; and

WHEREAS, George County's first and preferred choice is to resume and continue housing inmates from the Mississippi Department of Corrections at previous levels, but actions and uncertainty by the State is forcing George County to consider revenue sources from outside correctional entities to replace funds being taken away by the State's Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1774 authorizes the Board of Supervisors of George County, Mississippi, in its discretion to contract with the United States, and its territories, or any state or states or any political subdivision or any private correctional entity to provide housing and care for offenders or inmates in the County's Corrections Facility;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DOES FULLY SUPPORT AND RECOMMEND HOUSE BILL 1774 TO BE IMMEDIATELY ADOPTED, PASSED AND SIGNED INTO STATE LAW.

ON MOTION made by Supervisor Fred Croom, and seconded by Supervisor Kelly Wright, to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Fred Croom	District One	Voted <u>Aye</u>
Kelly Wright	District Two	Voted <u>Aye</u>
Larry McDonald	District Three	Voted <u>Aye</u>
Larry A. Havard	District Four	Voted <u>absent</u>
Henry Cochran	District Five	Voted <u>Aye</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of all of the members of the Board present, the President of the Board declared the motion carried unanimously, and the resolution adopted on this the 12th day of April, A.D. 2016.

Larry McDonald

**PRESIDENT OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

(SEAL)
ATTEST:



Gammie B. B. A.
CHANCERY CLERK