## **RESOLUTION 2022-18**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE, A MEMBER OF THE MAYORS' PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS, SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER IN CHILLICOTHE OHIO

WHEREAS, the Village of Jacksonville represents the interests of the residents of Jacksonville, Athens County, Ohio, representing a population of 400, largely consisting of veterans; and

WHEREAS, our veteran population continues to have urgent and pressing medical needs that cannot be met within our footprint should the facility be shuttered; and

WHEREAS, many of our veteran population will be required to drive upwards of six hours round trip to receive adequate healthcare should the facility in Chillicothe close; and

WHEREAS, there is no available public transportation between our region and the nearest VA facility in Dayton; and

WHEREAS, there is no alternative mental health facility for veterans in southeast Ohio for these urgent, life-saving services; and

THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Jacksonville declares its unwavering support for and strongly recommends the Veterans' Administration medical center in Chillicothe, Ohio remain open to provide critically important services to our citizens in southeastern Ohio.

Duly enacted by Council on first reading under suspension of the rules on the  $26^{\rm th}$  day of May, 2022.

VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE

Mayor

By: President of Council

ATTEST/SEAL:

Clerk - Treasurer/Fiscal Officer

## **CERTIFICATION OF FISCAL OFFICER**