

RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DEFUNIAK
SPRINGS OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA,
DESIGNATING LAKE ERIE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC
MEDICINE AS A VALUABLE ASSEST TO THE CITY OF
DEFUNIAK SPRINGS RESIDENTS.**

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places, and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) has purchased real estate property within the city limits of DeFuniak Springs to bring innovative and affordable education in osteopathic medicine, pharmacy and dental medicine to our citizens and residents of Walton County, Florida, including and surrounding area counties and cities; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement for LECOM is to prepare students to become more osteopathic physicians, pharmacy practitioners, and dentists through programs of excellence in education, research, clinical care and community service to enhance the quality of life through improved health for all humanity; and

WHEREAS, LECOM has grown to become the nation's largest medical college and offers a quality medical education at an affordable price with one of the lowest, private medical college tuitions; and

WHEREAS, LECOM also provides an innovative, student-centered medical education with five learning pathways leading to a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree- Lecture/Discussion, Problem-Based Learning, Directed Study and two three-year pathways to Primary Care Scholars and the Accelerated Physician Assistant Pathway; and

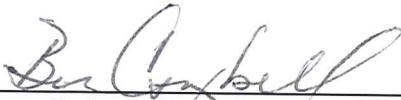
WHEREAS, LECOM offers year-round Health Science Post Baccalaureate certificate; a two-year Master of Science in Biomedical Science school; three-years of professional education; and a four-year pharmacy program school; and

WHEREAS, the DeFuniak Springs City Council recognizes the many valuable attributes made by LECOM in their current communities of Erie, Pennsylvania, Seton Hill, Pennsylvania, and Bradenton, Florida, welcomes LECOM to DeFuniak Springs, Florida in the Florida Panhandle;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DeFuniak Springs City Council recognizes Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) as a valuable asset to the community and residents of the Florida Panhandle.


Duly passed and adopted by the DeFuniak Springs City Council on this 14th day of October, 2013.

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA



Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Loretta A. Laird