

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-17\_**

**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, Florida to bring innovative and affordable education in dental medicine to five panhandle counties within the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, those five counties include Bay, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Walton and Washington counties, who will also be provided with transportation services to and from the LECOM facilities located within DeFuniak Springs, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, LECOM will provide oral health care services to all residents of the above mentioned counties including residents on Florida state Medicaid and Federal Medicare insurance programs; and

**WHEREAS**, LECOM will provide 40 full-time jobs with a gross income of \$1,400,000 annually and 50 full-time students increasing the local economy with an estimated amount of \$2,100,000 annually; and

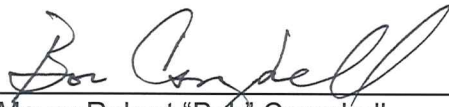
**WHEREAS**, LECOM offers year-round oral health services seeing over 200 patients on a daily basis during a 12-hour period; and

**WHEREAS**, the DeFuniak Springs City Council recognizes LECOM's ability to assist the city's economic growth and requests LECOM receive financial assistance with current and future endeavors;

**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 Florida Panhandle and request financial assistance from federal and state agencies be considered and funded as desired.

Duly passed and adopted by the DeFuniak Springs City Council on this 24th day of November, 2014.

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA

  
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Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, Loretta A. Laird