

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

**Date of Meeting:** June 20, 2006

**Date Submitted:** June 20, 2006

**To:** Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

**From:** Marlon Brown, County Manager  
Jon D. Brown, Public/Intergovernmental Relations Officer

**Subject:** Presentation of Appreciation Plaque and Resolution to Dr. Jessie Furlow

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item seeks Board approval to recognize Dr. Jessie Furlow for 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding medical service to the citizens of Gadsden County.

### **Background:**

Dr. Jessie Furlow has served the citizens of Gadsden County since 1982 and joined the staff of the Gadsden Medical Center in 1987. Since that time, she has been actively involved in the serving the community with excellence. A few of the community organizations that Dr. Furlow has served include, but not are not limited to:

1. Mt. Moriah First Missionary Baptist Church, Member
2. Hospice Gadsden and Liberty Team, Medical Director
3. Gadsden Technical Institute Nursing Program and Precept Students, Advisory Board Member
4. Special Olympics of Gadsden County, Board Member (Physicals for Children)
5. Volunteer to perform Schools Sport Physicals
6. Served as preceptor for Nursing Student from Keiser College
7. Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce, Member
8. Gadsden County Habitat for Humanity, Board Member
9. President of Redeemed Incorporated, Board Member
10. Gadsden Hospital Inc., Board Member
11. Gadsden Emergency Medical Service, Medical Director

**Analysis:**

By passing the attached resolution and making the associated presentation this evening, the Board is honoring one of Gadsden County's own for her long-standing medical service to our citizens and recognizing Dr. Furlow's commitment to making a difference in the quality life for the residents that live in this wonderful county.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The cost of the recognition plaque.

**Options:**

1. Adopt the attached resolution.
2. Do not adopt the attached resolution.
3. Provide Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option 1 - Adopt the attached resolution.

**Attachment:**

1. Resolution #2006-037

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-037**

**RECOGNITION OF DR. JESSIE FURLOW**

Whereas, the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners seeks to recognize Dr. Jessie Furlow for 24 years of dedicated, loyal, and outstanding medical service to the citizens of Gadsden County; and

Whereas, Dr. Jessie Furlow, born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Lane College, a historical black college, with a double major of Biology and Chemistry with a minor in Math. After graduation, she attended the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and received a Medical Doctor Degree. She served her residency in surgery at the University of Cincinnati at Cincinnati General Hospital; and

Whereas, after the completion of her residency, Dr. Furlow came to Gadsden County in 1982 and the prospect of a new hospital convinced her to settle in Quincy. Initially, she was in a solo practice, but economics of the county did not make that a realistic endeavor. Dr. Furlow then joined the staff of the Gadsden Medical Center in 1987. Although she thought she would only stay 5 years, she served for twenty four years; and

Whereas, after joining the staff of the Gadsden Medical Center, the center became one of the eight centers (seven clinical and one dental) of the North Florida Medical Centers, Inc. - a Federally Qualified Health Center - in 1995. In, 1997, Dr. Furlow became the Chief Medical Officer supervising fifteen medical providers - MD's, DO's, ARNP's, and PA's. All providers of the centers were encouraged to become actively involved in the communities they served and Dr. Furlow continued to do this with excellence through a number of community organizations in Gadsden County; and

Whereas, this resolution and the associated presentation recognizes one of Gadsden County's own for her long-standing medical service to the citizens of this county and Dr. Furlow's commitment to making a difference in the quality life for the residents that live in this wonderful county,

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims today, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and each date annually, as Dr. Jessie Furlow Day in Gadsden County.

Passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

**GADSDEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Edward J. Dixon, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Nicholas Thomas, Clerk