Resolution 2023-02: Rescind Bill 60 proposal to create private for-profit hospitals and clinics Submitted by: NOMA Resolution Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS, hundreds of communities across the province have spent decades building and supporting local, public non-profit hospitals and services; and

WHEREAS, many communities in northern Ontario are hundreds of kilometres apart; and

WHEREAS, residents of these communities rely on their public community hospitals for surgeries and medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario government is planning, through Bill 60, to create private for-profit hospitals and clinics throughout the province; and

WHEREAS, the province, through Bill 60, plans to take thousands of surgeries and diagnostics tests out of our local public hospitals and offer those services to the private for-profit hospitals and clinics; and

WHEREAS, Bill 60 will draw doctors and nurses from the small community hospitals, resulting in the possible closure of those small public community hospitals forcing residents to travel hundreds of kilometres for treatment; and

NOW THEREFORE, NOMA recommends that the government reconsider its proposal to create private for-profit hospitals and clinics and rescind Bill 60.

FURTHER THEREFORE, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health, AMO, FONOM, and all clerks and CAOs.

| Committee Recommendation: | Conference Recommendation: |
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