



TOMAGWA HealthCare Ministries

NEIGHBORS CARING ABOUT NEIGHBORS

- I. TOMAGWA HealthCare Ministries exists to provide compassionate Christian healthcare
- II. to community members with limited resources.

TOMAGWA Ministries, Inc. Pro-Life Policy Resolution

Whereas TOMAGWA Ministries, Inc. (TOMAGWA) was founded in 1989 with a mission to provide compassionate Christian healthcare to community members with limited resources; and

Whereas TOMAGWA is established as a safety-net Christian ministry that, by the Grace of God and in response to the Love of Jesus, provides quality healthcare, offers hope, and restores dignity to uninsured, low-income families and individuals in Northwest Harris, Southern Montgomery, and Waller counties in the State of Texas regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, religion or ability to pay; and

Whereas TOMAGWA has and continues to serve the community as the hands and feet of Jesus in partnership with like-hearted providers and stakeholders who fully support the mission and patients of TOMAGWA through eight service lines with over 21 collaborative partners across three locations in a rapidly growing 600 square mile service area; and

Whereas in 2020 TOMAGWA's Board of Directors and leadership organized a task force to research Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) status as part of a capacity building strategic plan for long term sustainability to better serve existing and future patients; and

Whereas the Board of Directors resolved that, like TOMAGWA, FQHCs are community-based health care providers who strive to help meet the needs of underserved populations by providing primary outpatient services and opportunities for employment for the community, while working to support other community initiatives; and

Whereas the Board of Directors also resolved that FQHCs have the option to receive funds from the HRSA Health Center Program in addition to receiving an increased reimbursement rate for Medicaid and Medicare patients with no payor mix, minimum billing or grant application requirements; and

Whereas the Board of Directors also resolved that FQHCs are not government owned entities and do not require TOMAGWA to compromise its Christian values or dissolve its Board of Directors or its independent status as a non-profit organization; and

Whereas the Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion in July 2020 to pursue Federally Qualified Health Center status; and

Whereas during the FQHC application process TOMAGWA, through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, became certified under the Healthy Texas Women Program; and

Whereas under the Healthy Texas Women program TOMAGWA affirms that it does not perform or promote elective abortions and is not an affiliate of an entity that performs or promotes elective abortions; and

Therefore, let it be known that because TOMAGWA has unequivocally valued all stages of human life from conception until natural death since its establishment and has resolved that FQHC status does not compromise that stance, TOMAGWA will maintain its posture as a Pro-Life organization held accountable by its Christian values and legally declared through the Healthy Texas Women Program.