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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUCKEYE RANCH OPPOSING THE PROPOSED "COMMUNITY CONSENT AMENDMENT" TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO, DUE TO ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PROPERTY RIGHTS, COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE ORGANIZATION'S LONGSTANDING RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CAMPUS

WHEREAS,

The Buckeye Ranch has served children, youth, and families across Ohio for more than 65 years and has owned and operated its residential treatment campus in Grove City for 68 years, demonstrating a longstanding commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS,

The Grove City campus remains a vital part of The Buckeye Ranch's continuum of care, providing residential treatment and supportive services to children and families with complex behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS,

The Buckeye Ranch is a longstanding employer, community partner, and stakeholder in Grove City, working alongside local governments, schools, businesses, healthcare providers, faith communities, and residents to strengthen outcomes for children and families; and

WHEREAS,

The Buckeye Ranch has made substantial investments in its Grove City campus and must retain the ability to responsibly improve, modernize, and adapt its facilities to meet changing mental health needs of the children and families it serves; and

WHEREAS,

The proposed Community Consent Amendment would fundamentally change how land use and development decisions are made in Grove City by requiring certain property and development matters to be approved through public elections rather than through established local planning and zoning processes, shifting limited and valuable resources from the mental health needs of children to this administrative process; and

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS, The Board is concerned that, if adopted, the proposed Charter Amendment could create significant delays, uncertainty, additional costs, and administrative burdens for organizations, like The Buckeye Ranch, seeking to improve or expand their facilities to serve the

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mental health needs of children, while also discouraging future investment and economic development within the City; and

WHEREAS,

The Board of Directors of The Buckeye Ranch believes the proposed Community Consent Amendment represents a harmful constraint on responsible community growth, property rights, organizational investment, local decision-making, and long-term economic vitality; and

WHEREAS,

The Board further believes that many residents may have been led to believe the petition was primarily related to data center development despite the amendment's much broader applicability and despite existing actions already taken by the City to address concerns regarding data centers; and

WHEREAS,

The Board believes it is important that voters fully understand the potential consequences of the proposed Charter Amendment and carefully consider its impact on the future of Grove City and the broader community before casting their vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUCKEYE RANCH THAT:

SECTION 1

The Board of Directors hereby formally and strongly opposes the proposed Community Consent Amendment appearing on the November 3, 2026, ballot in the City of Grove City because it could create significant obstacles to future investment and facility improvements, including those necessary to support residential treatment, behavioral health services, and other mental health programs serving children and families in Grove City and throughout Ohio.

SECTION 2

The Board encourages Grove City voters to carefully review the full language of the proposed Charter Amendment and to consider its potential long-term consequences for businesses, nonprofit organizations, healthcare providers, schools, churches, employers, property owners, and residents.

SECTION 3

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The Board encourages public policies that support transparent planning processes, responsible development, community engagement, and the continued ability of nonprofit organizations, businesses, and public institutions to invest in their facilities and serve the residents of Grove City.

SECTION 4

The Board further affirms its commitment to ensuring The Buckeye Ranch can continue serving children and families from its Grove City campus and remains concerned that the proposed Charter Amendment could create unnecessary barriers to future improvements and investments needed to support that mission.

SECTION 5

This Resolution is intended solely to express the position of The Buckeye Ranch Board of Directors regarding the proposed Community Consent Amendment and its potential impact on the organization, the Grove City community, local employers, community institutions, and future economic development.

SECTION 6

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Directors.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2026, by the Board of Directors of The Buckeye Ranch.

Board Chair

Signature: _____

Date: 10/2/2026

Board Secretary

Signature: Mike Zampini

Date: 10/2/2026

CEO & President

Signature: Vickie Thompson-Sandy

Date: 10/2/2026