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Resolution 2024-18: Support of Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part)

Background:

WHEREAS there are 38,000 people on the waitlist for long-term care and the median wait time for a long-term care bed has risen from 99 days in 2011-2012 to 171 days in 2020- 2021; and

WHEREAS according to Home Care Ontario, the cost of a hospital bed is \$842/day, while the cost of a long-term care bed is \$126/day; and

WHEREAS couples should have the right to live together as they age, and Ontario seniors have worked hard to build this province and deserve dignity in care; and

WHEREAS Bill 21 amends the Residents Bill of Rights in the Fixing Long-Term Care Act to provide the resident with the right upon admission to continue to live with their spouse or partner.

Recommendation:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOMA petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to direct the Minister of Long-Term Care to call Bill 21 to the Standing Committee on Social Policy to find a compassionate solution to provide seniors with the right to live together as they age.

Moved By: Lisa Teeple, Councillor of Emo

Seconded By: Alex Crane, Councillor of O'Connor

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Landry".

President