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## **RESOLUTION NO. 10-2012**

## A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE DAUPHIN COUNTY HIPAA PRIVACY OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") was enacted in 1996; and

WHEREAS, HIPAA defines that entities which provide health care services and perform certain electronic transactions related to the provision of such services and entities which pay for the provision of health care services are "covered entities" as that term is used in HIPAA; and

WHEREAS, because certain County agencies provide health care services and/or pay for the provision of health care services, Dauphin County is a hybrid covered entity under HIPAA and, therefore, must afford particular protections to the confidentiality of individually identifiable "protected health information" or "PHI" and implement certain procedures to assure such confidentiality protections in order to comply with HIPAA; and

WHEREAS, HIPAA requires covered entities to designate a HIPAA Privacy Officer and vests said Privacy Officer with various duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AS FOLLOWS:

Scott Burford is hereby designated the Dauphin County HIPAA Privacy Officer and is further hereby delegated the authority to execute all HIPAA Business Associate Agreements on behalf of Dauphin County.

**ADOPTED AND RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

Laura E. Evans, Esquire Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jeffref T. Haste, Chairman

Mike Pries, Vice Chairman

George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

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