

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

**RE: *Amendment of Parts 2 and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Provide Additional Spectrum for the Medical Device Radiocommunication Service in the 413-457 MHz Band, ET Docket No. 09-36***

I am delighted to finally be able to vote to approve this notice of proposed rulemaking, which was originally filed with the Commission in September 2007. Acting Chairman Copps deserves praise for bringing this exciting proposal forward and giving it the attention it deserves. Our action today takes another step to improve the quality of life for millions of Americans with impaired mobility and paralysis.

In addition, I thank the Alfred Mann Foundation (AMF) not only for its groundbreaking work, but for its perseverance in navigating the regulatory approval process. I wish AMF the best of luck as the Commission moves forward to more closely analyze its important proposal.

Finally, I want to note my appreciation for Acting Chairman Copps' pledge to promptly move forward on a similarly interesting proposal submitted by GE Medical Systems. I am committed to doing my part to ensure that we complete our work in these two proceedings expeditiously. Our fellow Americans living with chronic health conditions deserve no less.