

**CITY OF ALIQUIPPA
BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 11 of 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALIQUIPPA, COUNTY OF BEAVER IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROVE HOUSE RESOLUTION 676, THE SOME VARIATION THEREOF, ESTABLISHING THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ALL INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE U.S. TERRITORIES WITH FREE HEALTH CARE THAT INCLUDES ALL MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE, SUCH AS PRIMARY CARE AND PREVENTION, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, EMERGENCY CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

WHEREAS, many of the city residents either lack health insurance and depend upon hospital emergency rooms for health care or are uninsured; and

WHEREAS, according to 2005 census data, approximately 46.6 million United States residents were uninsured, with 1.4 million of these individuals residing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a figure which represents 11% of the Commonwealth's population; and

WHEREAS, other entities within the county experience significant costs for healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Conyers of Michigan, along with 60 other members of the United States House of Representatives have introduced House Resolution 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 676 would provide single payer, medicare health insurance for all United States residents through a publicly financed privately delivered health care system, unique to the United States, under which residents would retail their choice of provider, doctors, nurses and treatments; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 676, if enacted, would cover primary care, outpatient care, emergency care, medications, durable medical equipment, long term care, mental health services, dentistry, vision, chiropractic and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, physicians for the National Health Program estimates employers that provide health coverage for their employees currently pay an average of 8.5% of their payroll to health care costs, and that the United States National Health Insurance Program would, in its first year, result in a savings of \$50 billion on overall healthcare spending, \$150 billion on paperwork procession and \$50 billion through bulk purchases of medications, which would allow 95% of families in the United States to pay less for health care than they do currently; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of House Resolution 676, a national single payer health care system would be primarily financed by the imposition of a 3.3% payroll tax in addition to the current 1.45% medicare tax.

The Elected Officials of the City of Aliquippa hereby resolves the following:

1. The Elected Officials of the City of Aliquippa, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supports the institution of a single payer national health care system. The Elected Officials of the City of Aliquippa accordingly urges the United States Congress to adopt the provision of House Resolution 676, or some variation thereof, such that the United States National Health Insurance Program is created to provide all individuals residing in the United States and the U.S. territories with free health care that includes all medically necessary care, such as primary care and prevention, prescription drugs, emergency care, and mental health services.
2. The Elected Officials of the City of Aliquippa further resolves that copies of this resolution be provided to the Pennsylvania Representative in the United States Congress.
3. If any provision of this resolution shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provision of this resolution which shall be in full force and effect.
4. Any resolution or ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provision of this resolution is hereby repealed so far as the same affects of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Elected Officials of the City of Aliquippa, a Third Class City under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby resolved:

1. That the resolution urging the United States Congress to approve House Resolution 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, or some variation thereof, establishing the United States National Health Program to provide all individuals residing in the United States and in U.S. Territories with free health care that includes all medically necessary care, such as primary care and prevention, prescription drugs, emergency care, and mental health services, a copy of which is annexed hereto and by reference made a part thereof, is hereby approved.
2. That the Elected Officials, for and on behalf of the City of Aliquippa, is hereby authorized to execute one duplicate counterparts of said Agreement and the City Administrator of the City of Aliquippa hereby directed to attest the due execution thereof and to affix the seal of the City of Aliquippa.

3. That, following the proper execution, attestation and en-sealing of said duplicate counterparts of said Agreement, the City Administrator of the City of Aliquippa directed to cause delivery of the same to be made as follows:

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2009.

CITY OF ALIQUIPPA

ATTEST:


Anthony Battalini, Mayor
President of Council


Thomas A. Stoner
City Administrator