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RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 01

A REOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBRIDGE, THE 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 Borough resident either lack health insurance and depend upon hospital emergency rooms for health care or are under-insured; 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 member of the United States House of Representatives have introduced H.R. 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 676 would provide single payer, Medicare health insurance for all US residents through a publicly finance privately delivered health care system, unique to the US, under which residents would retain their choice of provider, doctors, nurses and treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 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

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**WHEREAS**, Physicians for National Health program estimates that 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 H.R. 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 Borough of Ambridge hereby resolves the following:

1. The Elected Officials of the Borough of Ambridge, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supports the institution of a single payer national health care system. The Elected Officials of the Borough of Ambridge accordingly urges the United States Congress to adopt the provision of HR 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 Borough of Ambridge further resolves that copies of this Resolution be provided to the Pennsylvania representatives 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 this Resolution.

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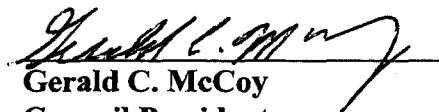
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the elected Officials of the Borough of Ambridge, a fourth class county under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

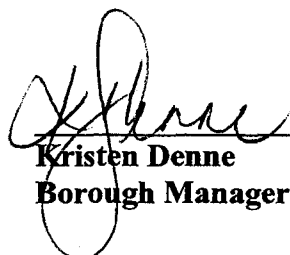
1. That the Resolution urging the United States Congress to approve House Resolution 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, or some variation thereof, establishing the United States National Health Insurance Program to provide all individuals residing in the United States and in U.S. Territories 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 Borough of Ambridge, is hereby authorized to execute one duplicate counterparts of said Agreement and Borough Manager of the borough of Ambridge hereby directed to attest the due execution thereof and to affix the seal of the Borough of Ambridge.

3. That, following the proper execution, attestation and ensembling of said duplicate counterparts of said Agreement, the Borough Manager of the Borough of Ambridge directed to cause delivery of the same to be made as follows:

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day February, 2009

  
Gerald C. McCoy  
Council President

  
Kristen Denne  
Borough Manager

