

RESOLUTION 07.03.13

A RESOLUTION endorsing a National Health Insurance Act.

WHEREAS, every person in Kentucky and in the United States deserves access to affordable, quality health care; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing crisis in health care in the United States of America manifested in rising health care costs, increased premiums, out-of-pocket spending, decreased international business competitiveness, and massive layoffs; and

WHEREAS, approximately 582,000 Kentuckians lacked health insurance in 2004; and

WHEREAS, those insured now often experience unacceptable medical debt and sometimes life-threatening delays in obtaining health care; and

WHEREAS, one-half of all personal bankruptcies are due to illnesses or medical bills; and

WHEREAS, the increasing expense of Medicaid and the rising cost of insuring state employees and teachers can best be met not by limiting benefits, but by expanding them under a national, publicly-funded health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, the complex bureaucracy arising from our system of fragmented, for-profit, multi-payer system of health care financing consumes approximately thirty percent (30%) of United States health care spending; and

WHEREAS, researchers from Harvard University found that this bureaucracy consumed more than \$4 billion of Kentucky's health care spending in 2003, which equals \$8,216 per uninsured Kentucky resident, and these expenditures are enough to provide comprehensive coverage to everyone in Kentucky; and

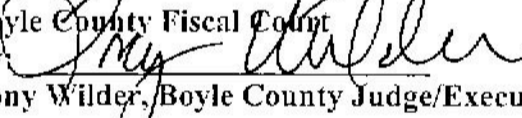
WHEREAS, United States Representative John Conyers has introduced H.R. 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, in the United States House of Representatives for the 110th Congress, and this act would provide a universal, comprehensive, single-payer system of high quality national health insurance;

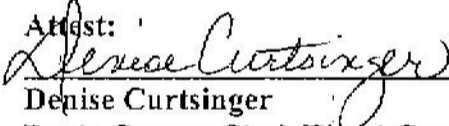
NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Boyle County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The Boyle County Fiscal Court respectfully urges the United States Congress to enact H.R. 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, sponsored by Representative John Conyers in the United States House of Representatives for the 110th Congress.

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Section 2. The Clerk of the Boyle County Fiscal Court is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Kentucky Congressional Delegation.

Boyle County Fiscal Court
By: 
Tony Wilder, Boyle County Judge/Executive

Attest: 
Denise Curtsinger
Boyle County Clerk/Fiscal Court Clerk