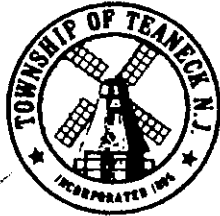


**TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, NJ
RESOLUTION**

Council Members	YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Parker	✓			
Stern	✓			
DM. Gussen	✓			
Honis	✓			
Katz	✓			
Toffler	✓			
Mayor Hameeduddin				✓



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 Seconded: C. Hameeduddin

WHEREAS, every person in the Township of Teaneck and in the United States deserves access to affordable quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the crisis in American healthcare includes rising costs, increased insurance premiums and out-of-pocket medical and pharmaceutical expenses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. poverty rate is increasing, as employee layoffs and outsourcing of the workforce is increasing, and the number of Americans without health insurance now exceeds 47 million; and

WHEREAS, many with insurance have coverage so inadequate that a major illness would lead to financial ruin; and

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

WHEREAS, the rising cost of insuring public employees can be reduced and best met not by limiting benefits but by providing benefits under a national, publicly-funded health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, the complex bureaucracy arising from our fragmented, for-profit, multi-payer system of healthcare financing consumes approximately thirty percent (30%) of United States health care spending while the single-payer Medicare system has administrative costs of less than 5%; and

WHEREAS, proposals for “consumer directed health care” would worsen this situation by penalizing the sick, discouraging prevention and saddling many working families with huge medical bills; and

WHEREAS, managed care and other market-based reforms have failed to contain healthcare costs, which now threaten the international competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, U.S. hospitals spend 24.3% of their budgets on billing and administration while hospitals under Canada’s single-payer system spend only 12.9%; and

WHEREAS, Harvard researchers estimate that more than \$300 billion could be recovered by replacing private insurance companies with a single public payer, enough to cover the uninsured and to

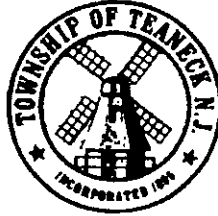
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improve coverage for all those who now have only partial coverage.

WHEREAS, entrusting care to profit-oriented firms diverts billions of dollars to outrageous incomes for CEO's and threatens the quality of care; and

WHEREAS, the United States National Health Insurance Act (H.R. 676) would assure universal coverage of all medically necessary services, contain costs by slashing bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship, assure patients a completely free choice of doctors, and allow physicians a free choice of practice settings; and

WHEREAS, most polls show that the majority of Americans support universal healthcare; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this resolution, the majority of American physicians (59%) believe that single-payer is the best method of securing universal healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors, at its 76th annual Meeting held June 20-24, 2008, adopted a resolution supporting the adoption of the United States Health Insurance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, at its meeting of April 16, 2008, adopted a resolution endorsing H.R. 676 and advising our U.S. Senators and Representatives to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Teaneck, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, expresses its support for the United States National Health Insurance Act (H.R. 676), and calls upon federal legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, and further urges the adoption of a process by which healthcare providers will be required to justify any increases to healthcare costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to Legislators of the 37th District.

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