CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
In the City Council June 15, 2009

WHEREAS, the Springfield City Council is extremely concerned over the increasing costs associated with health care, and

WHEREAS, over the last few years these increases have had a drastic impact on companies and individuals across the country, and

WHEREAS, healthcare reform has been considered in this country for the last several years, but there hasn't been any proposals that have been feasible and realistic enough to implement, and

WHEREAS, perhaps the most noteworthy proposal is the development of a single payer health care system, and

WHEREAS, the single payer health care system has been implemented in several prosperous and economically solvent countries and the results have been extremely successful, and

WHEREAS, however, implementation of such a program in this country will meet with substantial opposition from insurance companies, and their strong lobbying tactics and "political connections" in Washington, D. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield City Council hereby recommend that health care advocates, the insurance industry and members of Congress collectively work together and help expedite these long needed reforms in the health care industry and strongly consider a single payer health care system.

A true copy of a Resolve passed by the City Council on June 15, 2009 and presented to the Mayor for approval on June 18, 2009. After ten (10) days, the Resolve not having been approved or vetoed by the Mayor, became effective on June 28, 2009 the signature of the Mayor and shall be in force in accordance with the City Charter.

Attest: ____________________
City Clerk

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