

HEALTH CARE FOR NEVADA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Nevada, like the rest of the United States, faces a health care crisis caused by increasing numbers of uninsured people, skyrocketing costs and limited access, even for those who are insured, and unfair health disparities that hurt the well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, overall health care spending in Nevada has risen dramatically in recent years without corresponding improvements in access and quality; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that:

- From 1999 to 2004, the cost of health care expenditures in Nevada increased significantly, and continues to do so;
- 496,000 Nevada residents have no insurance, including 101,000 children, an increase of 51% since 2000; and
- Since 2000, average health insurance premiums for working Nevadans have risen 58%, a rate at least three times faster than average earnings; and

WHEREAS, health care disparities result in unequal access and care for minorities, particularly Hispanics in Nevada, who are three times as likely to be uninsured, and women, who are one of the fastest growing groups of uninsured Nevadans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, to call on elected officials at all levels and those seeking office, including all of the Presidential candidates, to work together with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure:

1. Quality, affordable health care for everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, small business owners, the uninsured and underinsured, with a choice of doctors and plans, and without gaps in access or coverage;
2. Fair financing, in which employers, consumers, and the state, local, and federal government share responsibility for health care costs;
3. Controlled costs, by providing quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and


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1 4. Preventative care as part of any benefit plan that promotes health and eliminates economic and
2 racial disparities.

3 PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 19th day of December, 2007.

4 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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6 BY 
7 OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

8 ATTEST:
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10 BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, CMC
11 City Clerk

12 APPROVED AS TO FORM ..
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