

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 090053)

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing City Council in support of the National Health Insurance Act, as proposed by H.R. 676, and the state Family and Business Health Security Act, as proposed by H.B. 1660 and S.B. 300.

**WHEREAS**, Every person in the City of Philadelphia and the United States deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, Over 45 million Americans, and over 137,000 residents in the City of Philadelphia, live daily without healthcare coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, There are two Pennsylvania state single-payer healthcare bills, the Family and Business Health Security Act (now HB 1660 and SB 300), that would also reduce Philadelphia's healthcare costs for its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, HR 676 HB 1660 and SB 300 will cover all medically necessary services, including primary care, inpatient care, outpatient care, emergency care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, long-term care, mental health services, dentistry, eye care, podiatry, chiropractic, and substance abuse treatment, and

**WHEREAS**, Illnesses and medical debt annually cause 500,000 bankruptcies in the United States affecting two million people and an increasing number of home foreclosures are also associated with medical debt; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrative costs and profits amount of 30 percent of health care spending in the United States, with rising costs contributing to decreased international competitiveness and massive layoffs; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans spending double what other industrialized countries spending per person while they are covering all their citizens; and

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**WHEREAS**, The City of Philadelphia 2008 employee healthcare costs are approximately \$613 billion, including \$43.5 million for retirees and \$171 million for programs for uninsured residents, therefore

**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**, That Council hereby expresses its support for the Family and Business Health Security Act (now HB 1660 and SB 300) and call upon Pennsylvania legislators to work towards their immediate enactment.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-ninth of January, 2009.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Greenlee, Green, Tasco and Jones

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Goode, Green, Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, Kenney, Clarke, DiCicco and Krajewski