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REQUESTED BY: COUNCILMAN HJELLEN
PREPARED BY: MUNICIPAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. WR93-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA URGING LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON REFORMING THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Nationally, each succeeding year fewer and fewer citizens are able to financially participate in employer insured health care systems; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, each succeeding year fewer and fewer under-employed, un-employed, and self-employed citizens can afford health insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, health care providers are forced to raise rates to cover costs of care for citizens who cannot or will not pay to the extent that an estimated 40% of premium costs to an employer are used for this purpose;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Wasilla recognizes that the problems facing our health care system is not local or state based, but one of National Proportions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the U.S. Congress and the new Clinton Administration is urged to debate and act on the following:

1. Requiring all employers and self-employed persons to insure themselves or their employees to some yet to be determined basic health standards on a National basis.
2. Completely restructure malpractice law accepting the fact that health care providers are human institutions and will make mistakes and limit malpractice to gross negligence.
3. Limit malpractice awards to some Dollar limit unrelated to earning power.
4. Placing some rational limits and controls on the use of "High Tech", but very expensive equipment.
5. Placing more emphasis on Education and Preventative Health Care.
6. The regulation of the health care industry in some way to reduce the cost of health care.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 22nd day of March, 1993.

ATTEST:


ERLING P. NELSON, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:


JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

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