

# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*  
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by Alderman Edward M. Burke on June 13, 2007

**Whereas**, United States Representative John Conyers has introduced the *United States National Insurance Act*, HR 676, a bill designed to provide comprehensive, sustainable health insurance coverage to all Illinoisans and all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Every person in the Chicago Metro area and in the United States deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, More than forty-five million Americans, including more than 650,000 residents of the Chicago Metro area, are without health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, Increasingly inadequate coverage has caused twenty-five percent of the insured to go without needed care due to costs, causing burdensome and sometimes life-threatening delays in care; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrative costs consume one-third of Illinois' health care spending and rising costs decrease the competitiveness of our business and strain our city, county and state budgets; and

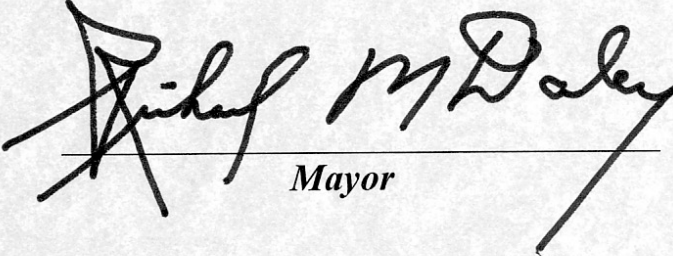
**WHEREAS**, HR 676 would cover all medically necessary services without financial barriers, provide patients full choice of doctor and hospital, relieve employers of the burden of administering health benefits and contain the rising cost of health care so that coverage is sustainable; and

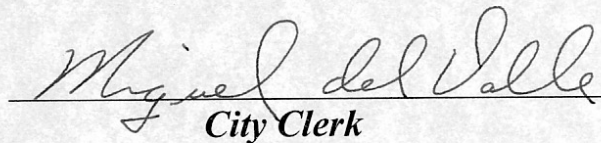
**WHEREAS**, Six members of Illinois' congressional delegation are already sponsors of HR 676; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of June, 2007, do hereby support and endorse the *United States National Insurance Act*, HR 676, and do hereby call upon the Illinois congressional delegation to support this bill and take all necessary steps to secure its passage in the Congress; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Quentin Young, National Coordinator of the Physicians for a National Health Program.



  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk