

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO  
SUPPORTING THE COLORADO HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM – SINGLE PAYER  
AND THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT (HR 676)**

**Resolution #2007- 29**

**WHEREAS**, everyone deserves access to affordable quality health care; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of Americans without health insurance now exceeds 47 million; and

**WHEREAS**, millions with insurance have coverage so skimpy that a major illness would lead to financial ruin, and medical illness and bills contribute to one-half of all bankruptcies; and

**WHEREAS**, proposals for “consumer directed health care” would worsen this situation by penalizing the sick, discouraging prevention and saddling many working families with huge medical bills; and

**WHEREAS**, managed care and other market-based reforms have failed to contain health care costs, which now threaten the international competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers; and

**WHEREAS**, administrative waste stemming from our reliance on private insurers consumes one-third of health spending; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. hospitals spend 24.3% of their budgets on billing and administration while hospitals under Canada’s single payer system spend only 12.9%; and

**WHEREAS**, American physicians are inundated with bureaucratic tasks and costs that Canadian physicians avoid; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvard researchers estimate that more than \$300 billion could be recovered nationally by replacing private insurance companies with a single public payer, enough to cover the uninsured and to improve coverage for all those who now have only partial coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, “consumer directed health care” adds yet another expensive layer of bureaucrats – the financial firms that manage health savings accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, entrusting care to profit-oriented firms diverts billions of dollars to outrageous incomes for CEO’s and threatens the quality of care; and

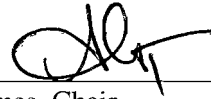
**WHEREAS**, a single payer system would assure universal coverage of all medically necessary services, contain costs by slashing bureaucracy, protect the doctor patient relationship, assure patients a completely free choice of doctors, and allow physicians a free choice of practice settings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County does hereby express its support for the Colorado Health Services Program – Single Payer and the U.S. National Health Insurance Act (HR 676), and calls upon federal and state legislators to work toward their enactment within the current Congress.

**DONE AND APPROVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado, at a duly noticed public meeting on October 24, 2007.

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

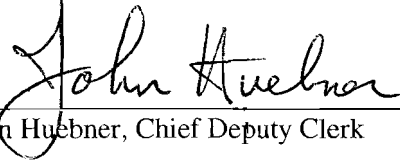


Art Goodtimes, Chair

Vote: Elaine R.C. Fischer  
Art Goodtimes  
Joan May

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ATTEST:



John Huebner, Chief Deputy Clerk

