

## **RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing Borough Council in support of the National Health Insurance Act, as proposed by H.R. 676, and the Family and Business Health Security Act, as proposed by H.B. 1660 and S.B. 400**

**WHEREAS**, every person in the borough of West Reading and the United States deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, over 45 million Americans, and hundreds of residents of West Reading, 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 400), that would also reduce the Borough of West Reading's healthcare costs for its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, HR 676 and SB 400 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 to 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 counties spending per person while they are covering all their citizens, therefore

**RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WEST READING** that Council hereby expresses its support for the National Health Insurance Act and the Family and Business Health Security Act (now HB 1660 and SB 400) and call upon Pennsylvania's Members of Congress and state legislators to work towards their immediate enactment.