

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Wilkes-Barre City Council recognizes that lack of comprehensive, affordable, and universal healthcare coverage continues to be a crisis situation throughout Pennsylvania.

Whereas, Wilkes-Barre City Council recognizes that the cost of healthcare remains a burdensome and vexing cost to Wilkes-Barre City, and all municipalities, which threatens the sustainability of the City and other Pennsylvania municipalities.

Whereas, Wilkes-Barre City Council recognizes that elected officials at the state and federal levels have pledged leadership with regard to the crisis of healthcare and possible solutions to said crisis.

Whereas, Wilkes-Barre City Council recognizes that all possible solutions to the crisis of healthcare deserve to be part of the public discourse, including the single payer solution; which offers remedy to both cost and care issues.

Whereas, Wilkes-Barre City Council, by previous resolution, adopted in May of 2004; has called for elected leaders at the state and federal levels to include single payer solutions in the healthcare debate.

Whereas, Wilkes-Barre City Council recognizes that the proposed Family and Business Security Act, pending in both chambers of the Pennsylvania General Assembly as Senate Bill 400 and House Bill 1660, offer cost and care solutions to the healthcare crisis through a Pennsylvania based single payer system.

Whereas, Wilkes-Barre City Council recognizes Senator Raphael Musto and Representative Phyllis Mundy for their co-sponsorship of Senate Bill 400 and House Bill 1660.

Whereas, Wilkes-Barre City Council respectfully requests remaining members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly consider co-sponsorship of The Family and Business Security Act; or at least honest, open, and public debate on the merits of such legislation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Wilkes-Barre City Council supports enactment of The Family and Business Security Act as a Pennsylvania-based solution to the healthcare crisis, and that good faith assistance to this solution be provided by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.