

RESOLUTION NO. 155, SERIES 2006

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL
HEALTH INSURANCE ACT.

SPONSORED BY: Councilwoman Mary Woolridge

Whereas, every person in Metro Louisville and in the United States deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare; and

Whereas, over 45.8 million Americans, including 85,000 residents of Metro Louisville, live daily without healthcare coverage; and

Whereas, those insured now often experience burdensome medical debt and sometimes life-threatening delays in obtaining healthcare; and

Whereas, one-half of all personal bankruptcies are due to illnesses or medical bills; and

Whereas, administrative costs for our current healthcare system consume approximately thirty percent (30%) of United States healthcare spending, with rising costs contributing to decreased international business competitiveness and massive layoffs; and

Whereas, United States Representative John Conyers has introduced House Resolution 676, (hereinafter referred to as HR 676), The United States National Health Insurance Act, which would provide healthcare to all; and

Whereas, the goal of HR 676 is to ensure that all Americans have access, guaranteed by law, to the highest quality and most cost-effective healthcare services regardless of their employment, income, or healthcare status; and

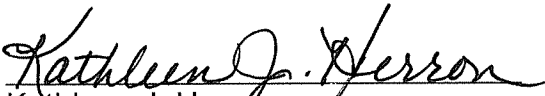
Whereas, HR 676 will cover all medically necessary services, including primary care, inpatient care, outpatient care, emergency care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, long term care, mental health services, dentistry, eye care, chiropractic, and substance abuse treatment; and

Whereas, HR 676 will give patients their choice of physicians, providers, hospitals, and clinics with no co-pays or deductibles in a publicly financed, privately delivered system;

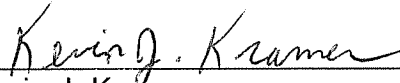
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Metro Council of Louisville, Kentucky hereby supports and endorses HR 676, "United States Health Insurance Act;" and respectfully requests our elected federal officials to endorse and adopt HR 676; and the Council Clerk is authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to our federal legislators and to our area state legislators to enlist their support of this vital piece of legislation.

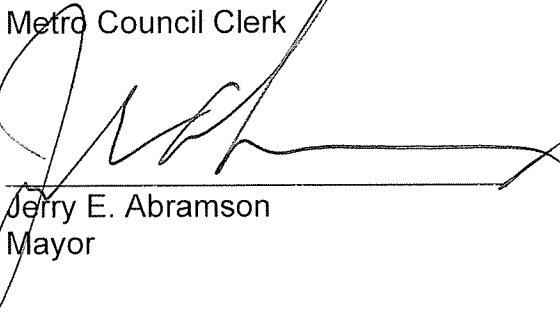
SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.



Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk



Kevin J. Kramer
President of the Council



Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

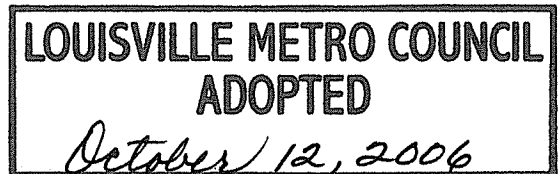
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Approval Date

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Irv Maze
Jefferson County Attorney



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