

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2009 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-56-2009

Proposed by Council Member Dean

Introduced by Council Member Dean

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 21, 2009

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Federal Health Care Reform

3 For the purpose of expressing the Prince George's County Council support, in
4 partnership with the Maryland Black Mayors, Inc. for Federal legislation providing
5 comprehensive health care coverage.

6 Whereas, the Maryland Black Mayors Inc., under the leadership of the Honorable Eugene
7 Grant, Mayor, City of Seat Pleasant adopted a health care reform resolution by unanimous vote
8 on July 5, 2009 endorsing expanded health coverage and a reformed health care system; and

9 Whereas, the quality of life in our nation is compromised by health care disparities which
10 are more prevalent in ethnic and racial minority communities due to the disproportionate
11 presence of chronic diseases coupled with the unavailability of access to quality health care
12 services; and

13 Whereas, according to an April 2009 report by Families USA, approximately 29% of
14 residents in Maryland under age 65 were uninsured at some point in time during 2007-2008 and
15 the majority were uninsured for 6 months or more during that time; and

16 Whereas, the escalating cost of health care coverage are crippling family, business and
17 government budgets while the number of uninsured Americans is growing; and

18 WHEREAS, employer-sponsored health insurance premiums have doubled over the last
19 9 years outpacing the increase in cumulative wages more than 4 times faster as reported by the
20 Kaiser Family Foundation and Health Research and Educational Trust 2008 Survey; and

21 WHEREAS, both the Obama Administration and House and Senate leaders serving in the
22 US Congress have called for the enactment of comprehensive health care reform to bring down

cost, expand coverage and increase choice; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3200: America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 seeks to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reducing the growth in care spending, expanding coverage, and assuring choice and quality health care for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3200: America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 combined with other proposals anticipated from the US Senate Finance Committee will provide coverage for 97% of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council continues to recognize the need to provide affordable quality health care both in the County and the State of Maryland and supports the investment in preventive care and wellness programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the County Council in partnership with the Maryland Black Mayors, Inc hereby supports The Obama Administration's Federal Health Care Reform initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Maryland Black Mayors, Inc., Maryland Delegation and the United States Congressional House and Senate Representatives for the State of Maryland.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2009.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Marilynn M. Bland
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council