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Whereas, nearly 50 million Americans lack any health insurance at all, and even more are underinsured and have inadequate insurance, and

Whereas, we lag far behind many other nations in health care outcomes such as life expectancy, infant mortality, and preventable deaths, despite spending almost twice as much per person on health care, and

Whereas, more than 18,000 Americans die every year because they do not have access to health care or a doctor of their own, and

Whereas, we have a major shortage in primary care physicians, nurses, and dentists, and thousands of doctors and the largest nurses unions in the country support a single-payer health care system, and

Whereas, Americans spend one in every seven dollars on health care, and almost one in every three dollars spent on health care goes for administration, bureaucracy, and profiteering, and

Whereas, health care is a larger and larger hardship on American families, and one million Americans will go bankrupt this year because of medically related debt, and

Whereas, American business is at a disadvantage, when competing on the global markets, because of the cost of providing health insurance for their employees. America's employers, both large and small, can no longer afford to provide insurance for their employees, and

Whereas, comprehensive health care is the civil rights battle of our time, and the insurance corporations and health care industries have had over 60 years to reform themselves and have failed to do so.

Whereas, President Obama has asked Congress to pass Health Care Reform to reduce costs because they are crushing the budgets of governments, businesses, individuals and families.

Also, we need to ensure quality care for all Americans and guarantee choices for every American, including the freedom to choose doctors, plans and a public option if desired.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Arizona Democratic Party adopts this resolution in support of health care reform, and encourages our members and all voters to contact their Congress members to urge them to support health care reform now, and

Be it further resolved, that we call on Congress to give all supporters of all health care reform plans a full and fair hearing on all issues, and that no proposals be removed from the table, because ultimately the United States must join other world democracies in establishing a universal, single payer health care system in the USA, and

Be it further resolved, that we call upon the Arizona Democratic Party Headquarters to exercise its ability to reach out to media outlets in order to promote this resolution, and

Be it finally resolved that the Arizona Democratic Party supports President Obama's call for a "public option", and that we call on Congress to promote health care reform now to cover all Americans and to provide quality healthcare for every American.