

**Resolution for
National Health Care Reform
By
Sharpstown Democrats Club**

WHEREAS all human beings are endowed with value and dignity that must be acknowledged and respected by other people and institutions; and

WHEREAS more than 45 million Americans, including 8 million children, do not have health insurance; and

WHEREAS the majority of uninsured Americans are employed and yet cannot afford health care premiums; and

WHEREAS the rising costs of health care have created a severe financial burden on American families, contributing to 50% of bankruptcy filings; and

WHEREAS widespread good health and effective disease control are an important national safety issue for all of us; and

WHEREAS our national, state and local governments are tasked by our Constitution with providing for the General Welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS the federal government has demonstrated that significant resources are readily available to meet financial crises;

WHEREAS the measure of health care proficiency and success should be in terms of people helped rather than dollars spent or saved; and

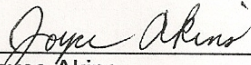
WHEREAS the federal government has shown competence and effectiveness in operating both the Medicare and Veterans Administration medical programs for more than 40 years,

Be It Resolved That:

- The federal government shall establish a medical insurance program that is universally available to all American citizens no later than 2010
- Medical decisions shall be made between a patient and doctor rather than by an accountant or insurance company agent,
- People shall have available for purchase at their own option and expense supplemental medical coverage from private insurers
- The conversion to universally available health care insurance shall be completed in an orderly manner and fully integrated in a national health system when implemented
- The federal government shall assist local communities to expand health facilities in every county and invest in more hospital beds where needed
- Any government program established to administer health care shall be under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and subject to the same oversight and regulations as other programs of this magnitude. No government agency or commission shall be trusted to administer such a huge undertaking unless it is established under the close watchful eye of the Congress and answerable to our elected officials and our citizens.

Voted on and accepted by a majority vote of the general membership of the Sharpstown Democrats Club this 22nd day of August 2009.

Signed by



Joyce Akins
President

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