

**A resolution to endorse the State of Michigan concept
to pool health care coverage for public employees and retirees**

At a regular meeting of the City of Muskegon, at the City Hall, 933 Terrace Street, in Muskegon, Michigan, on the 22nd day of September, 2009 at 5: 30 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Warmington; Vice Mayor Stephen Gawron; Commissioners Christopher Carter, Lawrence Spataro, Sue Wierengo, and Steven Wisneski

ABSENT: Commissioner Clara Shepherd

It was moved by Commissioner Spataro and supported by Vice Mayor Gawron that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Andy Dillon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, recently unveiled a draft bill entitled "Michigan Health Benefits Program Act"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed Act is to provide for consolidation of health benefits for public employees; to create a board to adopt a uniform public employee health benefits program; to provide for duties for certain state departments, agencies, boards, and officers; to require public employers who provide health benefits to employees to participate in the health benefits program; to provide for exceptions; to provide for optional participation by private entities; and to repeal acts and parts of acts; and

WHEREAS, "public employer" means this state; a city, village, township, county, or other political subdivision of this state; any intergovernmental, metropolitan, or local department, agency, or authority, or other local political subdivision; a school district, a public school academy, or an intermediate school district as those terms are defined in the revised school code; a community college or junior college, or a public university, as described in the state constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, "public employee" means an employee, officer, or elected official of a public employer, including an employee retired from employment with a public employer as provided in section 21 of the proposed act; and

WHEREAS, a bipartisan committee will analyze the proposed legislation, take testimony of it, and make changes based on input and information that it receives; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the \$400 million-\$600 million in estimated savings from the plan is based on standardizing health care benefits across layers of government and benchmarking those costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon is committed to the pursuit of cost-saving measures in all levels of its governance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Muskegon endorses the concept to pool health care coverage for public employees and retirees.

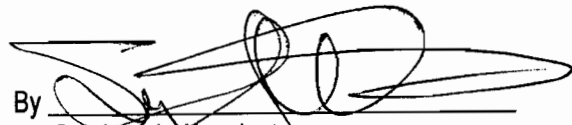
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm, to the State Senate, and to the State House of Representatives.

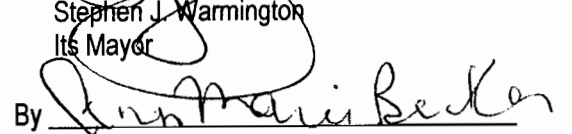
Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2009.

Ayes: Mayor Warmington; Vice Mayor Stephen Gawron; Commissioners Christopher Carter; Lawrence Spataro; Sue Wierengo; and Steven Wisneski

Nays: None

Abstain: None

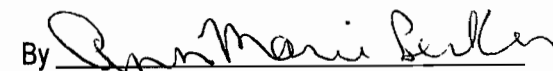
By 
Stephen J. Warmington
Its Mayor

By 
Ann Marie Becker, MMC
Its Clerk

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the City Commission held on September 22, 2009. The meeting was properly held and noticed pursuant to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan, Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

CITY OF MUSKEGON

By 
Ann Marie Becker, MCC, City Clerk