

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION  
H.R. 15 AND H.R. 2034 PROPOSED BY CONGRESSMAN DINGELL

September 5, 2007

WHEREAS, the United States has the most expensive healthcare system in the world in terms of absolute costs, per capita costs, and percentage of gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the United States spends more on healthcare than any other nation, the World Health Organization has ranked the United States 37<sup>th</sup> among all nations in terms of meeting the needs of its people; and

WHEREAS, over 46 million Americans, including nine million children, continue to live without healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, healthcare costs have continued to increase in the past seven years, jeopardizing both the health and fiscal security of individuals, families, small businesses, and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, a universal healthcare plan could provide dramatic savings to Washtenaw County by providing coverage for all county employees;

WHEREAS, H.R. 15, the National Health Insurance Act, would provide full and proper healthcare coverage for every American, regardless of income; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2034, the Medicare for All Act, would extend Medicare, the same program whose passage Congressman Dingell presided over in the US House in 1965, to everyone under age 65 and would, according to the Institute of Medicine, save the country \$380 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John D. Dingell has, in every new Congress since his election in 1955, introduced legislation to provide healthcare for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the exclusive U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the committee with broad jurisdiction over health issues, Congressman Dingell is in a prominent position to guide any universal healthcare legislation through Congress; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Dingell is also working to ensure that every child in the United States receives proper healthcare through his efforts to reauthorize and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby supports Congressman John D. Dingell's legislation, H.R. 15

and H.R. 2034, and will work to educate our constituency on the great importance of this legislation.