



NORTH HOUSTON ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING GROUP HEALTH PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

WHEREAS, small businesses and the persons employed by them find that the current state of health care in the United States makes it difficult or impossible to find affordable health care coverage for owners and employees of small business; and

WHEREAS, the ability of small businesses to join together to form larger pools of insureds for the obtaining of affordable health coverage is paramount to getting affordable insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, various states have enacted legislation to allow small employers to join together to form larger insurance groups, such as the coalition health plans approved by the Texas House through HB 897; and

WHEREAS, the individual state efforts, while helpful, have not been as successful as hoped due to the reluctance of the various insurance companies to develop different health plans for each state; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a standard health plan that can be used for small businesses across state lines (a national standard), that will make it profitable for the insurance carriers to develop coverage to provide to the members of small business; and

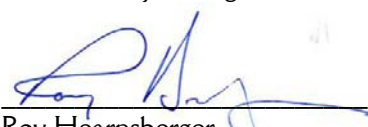
WHEREAS, such a national standard can only be established by the federal government if it is to be enforceable across state lines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Houston Association that all of the elected officials in the national government, including members of the house of representatives and senators, who represent the persons and businesses that belong to the North Houston Association are urged to draft and pass such laws, rules and regulations as are necessary to allow the creation of a national standard for small business health plans; and

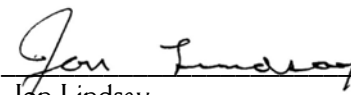
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of such elected officials are further urged to provide the funding and resources necessary to establish the health plans referenced above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such elected officials are urged to make the addressing of this situation a priority issue.

ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2006, by the North Houston Association as evidenced by the signatures of the Chairman of the Board and President.



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