

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 83

EFFECTIVE ~~Approved~~ February 27, 2005

WHEREAS, The skyrocketing costs of health care, prescription medications and health insurance have burdened many citizens of the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence with exorbitant expenses and taxes; and

WHEREAS, There is no apparent relief in sight either for the municipal budgets, for the working taxpayers who must shoulder the burden, or for the employers who strive to provide the ever-more-costly benefits for their employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, Many of the people who have had their health coverage benefits from their private sector employers reduced or eliminated are unable to afford to pay for a similar benefits on their own, leaving them in the quandary of working to provide benefits for families in the public sector while lacking the ability to provide the same for their own; and

WHEREAS, It is the rightful duty of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island to provide for the health and well being of all of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island; and

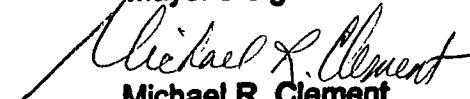
WHEREAS, Only the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island has the power to rein in exorbitant charges of health insurers and health care providers and to enact suitable legislation to provide private and public sector employers with the option to take advantage of economies of scale on a statewide or region-wide basis.

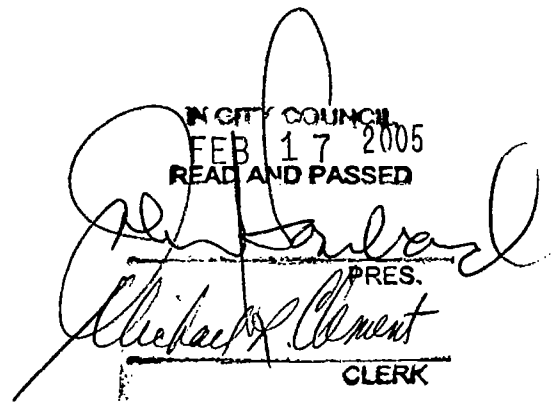
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of Providence hereby requests the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island thoroughly investigate and enact appropriate legislation to provide all purchasers of health insurance options which take advantage of a statewide or region wide economy of scale.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Senators and Representatives serving the people of the City of Providence and to each of the City and Town Councils in the State of Rhode Island.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

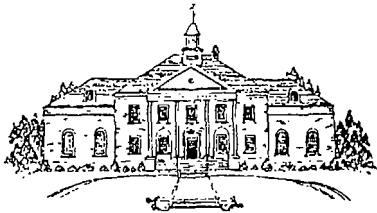
Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:


Michael R. Clement
City Clerk


IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED
PRES.
CLERK

Don't forget to send me a copy of the report

Town of Smithfield



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ESMOND, RHODE ISLAND 02917-3203

TOWN COUNCIL

Richard A. Poirier, President
Michael J. Flynn, Vice President
Ronald F. Manni
Stephen G. Tocco
Maxine A. Cavanagh

Resolution of the Smithfield Town Council

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS, the skyrocketing costs of health care, prescription medications and health insurance have burdened many citizens of the State of Rhode Island and the Town of Smithfield with exorbitant expenses and taxes; and

WHEREAS, there is no apparent relief in sight either for the municipal budgets, for the working taxpayers who must shoulder the burden, or for the employers who strive to provide the ever-more-costly benefits for their employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, many of the people who have had their health coverage benefits from their private sector employers reduced or eliminated are unable to afford to pay for similar benefits on their own, leaving them in the quandary of working to provide benefits for families in the public sector while lacking the ability to provide the same for their own; and

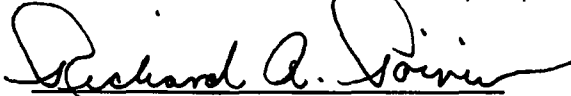
WHEREAS, it is the rightful duty of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island to provide for the health and well being of all of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island; and


WHEREAS, only the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island has the power to rein in exorbitant charges of health insurers and health care providers and to enact suitable legislation to provide private and public sector employers with the option to take advantage of economies of scale on a statewide or region-wide basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Smithfield hereby requests the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island thoroughly investigate and enact appropriate legislation to provide all purchasers of health insurance options which take advantage of a statewide or region wide economy of scale.

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Senators and Representatives serving the people of The Town of Smithfield and to each of the city and town councils in the State of Rhode Island.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.


Richard A. Poirier
Town Council President

ATTEST: 
M. Eileen Murray, Town Clerk

Date: 2-1-05

**RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATIVE TO ACCESS AND
AFFORDABILITY OF HEALTH CARE**

RESOLVED , that

WHEREAS, the skyrocketing costs of health care, prescription medications and health insurance have left many citizens of the Town of Richmond, and throughout the State of Rhode Island, without adequate medical care; and

WHEREAS, due to these skyrocketing costs, many employers have been forced to reduce or eliminate access to health care coverage to their employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, many of the citizens of the Town of Richmond who are without adequate health care and health insurance coverage are the most needy, in particular children and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, many of the people who have had their health coverage benefits from their employers reduced or eliminated are unable to afford to pay for comparable or adequate coverage on their own, thus leaving entire families without adequate health insurance coverage and health care; and

WHEREAS, this is a matter of paramount importance to the health, safety, welfare and economic vitality of the citizens of the Town of Richmond, State of Rhode Island and the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Richmond hereby requests the General Assembly to thoroughly investigate and develop mechanisms and implementation strategies to effect such control and mitigation of health care and health insurance costs without denigration of health care quality. It shall also be resolved that the General Assembly is petitioned to enter into an open dialogue with the city and town councils of the State of Rhode Island so as to generate a pragmatic and expeditious solution to the health care crisis.

The Town Clerk of the Town of Richmond is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Senators and Representatives from the Town of Richmond and to each city and town councils in the State of Rhode Island.

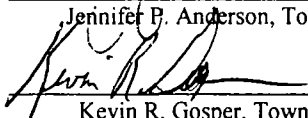
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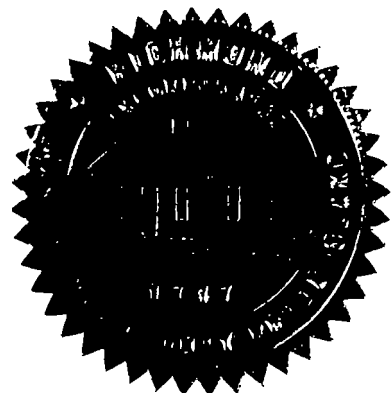
GIVEN UNDER THE SEAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RICHMOND, THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2005.

ATTEST:


Jennifer P. Anderson, Town Council

ATTEST:


Kevin R. Gosper, Town Council

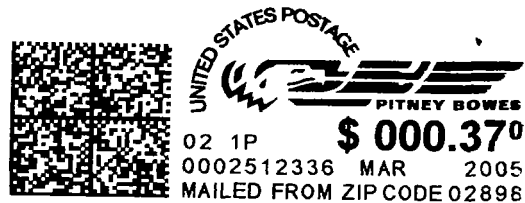


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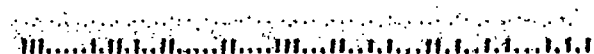
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Providence City Council
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Town of South Kingstown, R.I.

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Town Hall, 180 High Street
Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879

Dale S. Holberton
Town Clerk & Probate Clerk
401-789-9331

March 31, 2005

Michael R. Clement, City Clerk
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Clement:

Thank you for providing us with the resolution recently adopted by the Providence City Council. At their meeting held on Monday evening, March 28th, the South Kingstown Town Council voted as follows:

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that resolutions adopted by the Providence City Council on February 17, 2005 and by the Richmond Town Council on March 2, 2005 requesting the General Assembly to investigate and enact legislation to provide purchasers of health insurance with options which take advantage of economies of scale on a statewide or region-wide basis, are received and placed on file.

No further action was taken at that time.

Very truly yours,

Dale S. Holberton, CMC
Town Clerk

DSH:smf

cc: Town Manager

Town Of South Kingstown

Town Clerk's Office

P.O. Box 31

Wakefield, RI 02880-0031



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