



**2008  
BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN  
FREEHOLDERS RESOLUTION**

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MEMBERS	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CALABRESE	✓			
CARROLL	✓			
GANZ	✓			
MCPHERSON	✓			
O'BRIEN	✓			
WALTON	✓			
PADILLA, CHAIRMAN	✓			
TOTALS	7	-	-	-

Resolution No. 511

Date: April 16, 2008

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Subject: Resolution in support of  
Federal Legislation-HR 676  
The United States National  
Health Insurance Act  
("Expanded and Improved  
Medicare for all.")

Purpose: To support idea of affordable,  
quality health care.

Offered by: JMC

Seconded by: TJP

Approved by: [Signature]

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared By: [Signature]

**Certified as a true copy of a Resolution adopted  
by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on above  
date at a Regular Meeting by:**

*Valerie Coniglio*

**Valerie Coniglio, Clerk, Board of Chosen Freeholders, Bergen County, New Jersey**

**Whereas**, every person in the County of Bergen and in the United States deserves access to affordable, quality health care; and

**Whereas**, the crisis in health care in the United States of America includes rising health care costs, increased insurance costs, and out of pocket medical expenses; and

**Whereas**, the U. S. Poverty rate is increasing, as employee layoffs and outsourcing of the workforce is increasing; and

**Whereas**, thousands of Bergen County residents lacked health insurance in 2007; and

**Whereas**, those insured now often experience burdensome medical debt and sometimes life-threatening delays in obtaining health care; and

**Whereas**, one half of the bankruptcies are due to illness or medical bills, and

**Whereas**, the complex bureaucracy arising from our system of fragmented, for-profit, multi-payer system of health care financing consumes approximately thirty percent (30%) of United States health care spending; and

**Whereas**, rationing health care according to ability to pay has diminished the overall health of our citizens to the point at which the United States ranks shameful low at 37<sup>th</sup> in quality by the World Health Organization; and

**Whereas**, United States Representative John Conyers has introduced HR 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, in the United States House of Representatives in the present Congress, and this act would provide a universal, comprehensive, single payer system of high quality national health insurance,

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders endorses Congressman Conyers legislation, HR 676, "Expand and Improved Medicare for all", and will work to educate our community on the importance of this legislation and that copies of this Resolution be sent to Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez, and Congressmen Steve Rothman and Scott Garrett.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent by the County of Bergen to the governor and legislators in our district.

Date:

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