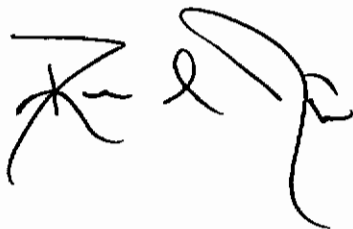


CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-98

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A RESOLUTION

URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS THE HEALTH SECURITY ACT.

WHEREAS, almost one out of four New Mexicans is uninsured including many residents of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, premiums are escalating at double digit rates; co-pays are increasing and pharmaceutical drug costs are rising; and

WHEREAS, rising health care costs and the lack of health insurance coverage for so many New Mexicans creates a social and economic burden for the affected families, employers, health care providers, the county, and the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of businesses cannot afford to provide healthcare coverage for their employees, placing added financial stress on publicly financed programs such as Medicaid and County Indigent Funds; and

WHEREAS, two different independent New Mexico studies have concluded that including all or most New Mexicans in one health risk pool will substantially contain costs, reduce



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