

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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Meeting Date: June 2, 2009  
 Consent                       Regular  
 Ordinance                       Public Hearing  
Submitted By: Administration

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution in support of revisions to the national health care system which would include a public option to ensure health care coverage for all Americans without imposing additional mandates on county governments.


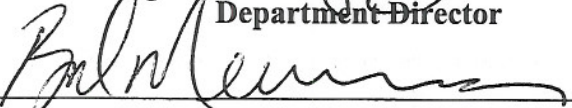
**Summary:** At the May 19, 2009 Board of County Commission meeting, the Board directed staff to prepare a resolution that supports a national health care system that will ensure health care coverage for all Americans. Countywide (TKF)

**Background and Justification:** In recognition of the 50 million uninsured Americans and three million employees and retirees nationwide insured by County governments, the Board directed staff to prepare a resolution that supports the efforts in Congress and by the Administration currently underway to address the importance of health care coverage for every American. It was expressed that a public insurance option within the national healthcare system should be provided to ensure health care coverage for residents. The County will continue to work with NACo on the details of the health care legislation to address these particular issues.

**Attachments:**  
1. Draft Resolution

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Recommended by:  5/21/09  
Department Director                      Date  
Approved by:  5/27/09  
Assistant County Administrator                      Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact**

Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fiscal Impact	*				
Is Item Included In Current Budget?	Yes	_____	_____	No	_____

Budget Account No.: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Org. 7300 Object \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reporting Category \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

No fiscal impact.

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:**

\* Fiscal impact is indeterminable at this time.

*[Signature]* 5/20/09  
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 OFMB  
 (NO factor) 5/22/09

*[Signature]* 5/20/09  
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 Contract Administration

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

*[Signature]* 5/27/09  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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 Department Director

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING REVISIONS TO THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A PUBLIC OPTION TO ENSURE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR ALL RESIDENTS WITHOUT IMPOSING ADDITIONAL MANDATES ON COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, every person in Palm Beach County and in the United States of America deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare, and

**WHEREAS**, as employers, county governments provide health benefits to the nearly three million county workers and their retirees nationwide, and county tax payers and employees contribute billions of dollars to the American health care system every year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners' annual cost for health benefits to its' employees in 2008 reached \$55.1M, and

**WHEREAS**, statistics show that inequalities in healthcare diminish not only our well-being but also everyone's ability to work and prosper, and

**WHEREAS**, the rising cost of insuring public employees can be reduced and best met by encouraging members of Congress and the Obama Administration to work swiftly toward revisions to the national healthcare system to include a public option which would ensure health care coverage for all residents, and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama has stated his commitment to working with Congress to pass comprehensive health reform in his first year in order to control rising health care costs, guarantee choice of doctor, and assure high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

1. Supports revisions to the national health care system to include a public option which would ensure health care coverage for all residents, and urges and requests that the United States Congress enact and the President of the United States sign legislation that provides for coverage that is meaningful and actuarially sound, without imposing additional mandates on county governments.
2. That copies of this Resolution, duly authenticated, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, and to the United States Congress (Speaker of the House and Senate President) and to each Member of the Palm Beach County Congressional Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner John F. Koons, Chairman  
 Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Vice Chairman  
 Commissioner Karen T. Marcus  
 Commissioner Shelley Vana  
 Commissioner Steven L. Abrams  
 Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria  
 Vacant

The Chairperson thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By:   
Assistant County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk