

1       **Resolution Calling on Congress to Endorse and Enact**  
2       **HR 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act**

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4       **WHEREAS**, every person in Washington and in the United States deserves access to  
5       affordable, quality health care; and

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7       **WHEREAS**, there is a growing crisis in health care in the United States of America,  
8       manifested in rising health care costs, increased premiums, out-of-pocket spending,  
9       decreased international business competitiveness, and massive layoffs; and

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11       **WHEREAS**, Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler reported that well over 700,000  
12       residents of Washington lacked health insurance in 2006; and

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14       **WHEREAS**, those insured now often experience unacceptable medical debt and  
15       sometimes life-threatening delays in obtaining health care; and

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17       **WHEREAS**, one-half of all personal bankruptcies are due to illnesses or medical bills;  
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20       **WHEREAS**, the increasing expense of Medicaid and the rising costs of insuring state  
21       employees and teachers can best be met not by limiting benefits, but by expanding them  
22       under a national, publicly-funded health insurance program; and

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

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28       **WHEREAS**, researches from Harvard University found that in 2003, 780,000 residents  
29       of Washington were uninsured; that \$27,912 billion was spent on health care in the state  
30       that year, and that unnecessary administrative costs amounted to \$5,254 billion (\$6,735  
31       per uninsured resident); and

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33       **WHEREAS**, Representatives John Conyers and Dennis Kucinich have introduced H.R.  
34       676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, in the U S House of  
35       Representatives, and this act would greatly reduce administrative costs by hundreds of  
36       billions of dollars while providing a universal, comprehensive, single payer system of  
37       high quality national health insurance;

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39       **WHEREAS**, The Platform of the Democratic Party of Washington calls for the  
40       *“establishment of a comprehensive national health care plan, (as in HR 676: universal single*  
41       *payer healthcare) similar to Medicare and available to all, regardless of age or employment”*.

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43 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That this resolution shall be transmitted to our  
44 Legislature and Congressional delegation urging its adoption.

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47 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Washington State Democratic Central  
48 Committee requests :

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50 **Section 1** The Washington Legislature respectfully urges the United States  
51 Congress to enact HR 676, the United States National Health  
52 Insurance Act sponsored by Representative John Conyers.

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54 **Section 2** The Washington State Legislature shall transmit a copy of this  
55 Resolution to the President of the United States and the members of  
56 the Washington Congressional Delegation.

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60 Submitted by the Skagit County Democratic Party to the WSDCC for consideration at  
61 its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver (Date Submitted 1/5/2008)

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63 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND  
64 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.

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66 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.