

**RESOLUTION No. 12-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, SUPPORTING THE  
PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH SECURITY ACT**

WHEREAS, insurance premiums continue to escalate, co-payments keep increasing, the cost of pharmaceutical drugs is rising; and

WHEREAS, almost one out of four New Mexicans is uninsured, including many residents of Chaves County and the City of Roswell; and

WHEREAS, rising health care costs and the lack of health insurance coverage for so many New Mexicans result in a social and economic burden for affected families, employers, health care providers, the City of Roswell, Chaves County and the State of New Mexico; and

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

WHEREAS, decreasing the percentage of state, county and city expenditures on health care will free up funds to be spent on other critical needs such as economic development, education, public safety and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies, including two in New Mexico, show that self-insuring most state residents through one health risk pool would reap the benefits of economies of scale, substantially contain costs, reduce administrative complexity and uncompensated care; and

WHEREAS, the Health Security Act is a New Mexico plan that has been developed over many years with input from diverse sectors from all over the state; and

WHEREAS, 147 New Mexico organizations and 32 cities and counties, representing a broad cross section of New Mexicans from all parts of the state, have endorsed the Health Security Act; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act, passed in 2010, allows states to receive waivers for state innovation, which enable states to develop alternatives that may be more appropriate to their circumstances; and

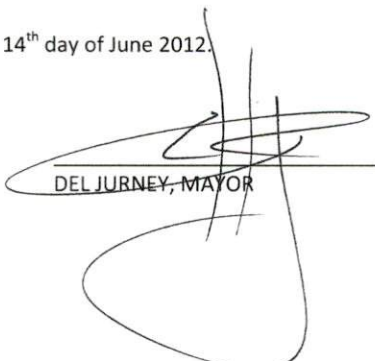
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Roswell supports the Health Security Act;

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012.

  
CITY SEAL

ATTEST:

  
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DAVE KUNKO, CITY CLERK

  
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DEL JURNEY, MAYOR