

RESOLUTION 2007-04
URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS
THE HEALTH SECURITY ACT

WHEREAS, the health crisis in New Mexico is growing worse: almost one out of four New Mexicans is uninsured including many residents of Grant County and the town of Silver City; and

WHEREAS, premiums are escalating at double digit rates; co-pays are increasing; and pharmaceutical drug costs are rising; all of which impact the growing numbers of uninsured and underinsured New Mexicans; 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 the affected families, employers, health care providers, the town of Silver City and the state of New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, decreasing the percentage of state, county and town expenditures on health care will free up funds to be spent in other sectors such as economic development, education, and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Security Act offers a comprehensive solution enabling New Mexico to set up its own health care plan that would guarantee that all New Mexicans - regardless of age, employment or health status – will have comprehensive, affordable and quality health coverage; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Security Act, by pooling most New Mexicans into one health risk pool, would substantially contain costs, and reduce administrative complexity; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Security Act would further allow for bulk purchasing of drugs, provide for the protection of retiree benefits, and would be able to reap the benefits of economies of scale; and,

WHEREAS, 126 New Mexico organizations and growing numbers of local public bodies, representing a broad cross-section of New Mexicans from all parts of the state, endorse the Health Security Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the town of Silver City that the town of Silver City supports and endorses the Health Security Act in its present form as of this date; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town of Silver City will work to ensure passage of the Health Security Act and will urge the New Mexico Municipal League to make the Health Security Act a legislative priority., this 9th Day of January 2007.

TOWN OF SILVER CITY

By _____

James R. Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Norero, Acting Town Clerk

