

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

10-0174R

AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MINNESOTA HEALTH PLAN.

BY COUNCILOR GAUTHIER:

WHEREAS, approximately 7,000 Duluth residents are without health insurance;
and

WHEREAS, approximately 71 percent of those people who are without health
insurance are employed or under employed; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota health plan would lower the cost of insurance
through a single payer system for all Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota health plan would reduce the need for unnecessary
emergency room visits thus reducing the related costs; and

~~WHEREAS, the Minnesota health plan would reduce the cost of the city's
liability for retiree health insurance; and~~

~~WHEREAS, lower premiums as a result of the Minnesota health plan would have
a positive effect on the city of Duluth's budget; and~~

WHEREAS, 37 legislators are co-authors of the Minnesota health plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth City Council hereby supports the
Minnesota health plan.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the council hereby directs the council president to inform area legislators of the council's support for the Minnesota health plan and urge them to vote in the affirmative for the Minnesota health plan.

Approved as to form:

Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution supports legislation which has been introduced in both the Minnesota House and Senate (HF2256 and SF0419) and is commonly referred to as the Minnesota health plan.