**Resolution Supporting Texas Way**

**WHEREAS,** Texas has the highest rate of residents without health insurance (24%) in the country and \_\_\_\_ County, with \_\_\_ uninsured, has a rate of uninsured of \_\_\_ percent; and

**WHEREAS,** More than one point one million low-wage working Texans have no access to public or affordable private health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, Hospital emergency rooms are often the sole source of care for the uninsured; and

**WHEREAS**, Statewide, local property taxpayers fund more than one billion dollars in county indigent health care services; and

**WHEREAS**, The average insurance premium for a Texas family is eighteen hundred dollars higher per year due to costs associated with uncompensated care for the uninsured; and

**WHEREAS,** Texas hospitals are sustaining $13 billion in funding cuts to pay for increasing access to health insurance coverage for the uninsured; and

**WHEREAS,** Texas employersand the continued success of the Texas economydepend on a healthy workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal funds are available to increase access to health insurance for uninsured Texans; and

**WHEREAS,** Texas has the opportunity to be an innovation leader in health care coverage for the low-wage uninsured.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, \_\_\_\_ Chamber of Commerce endorses the Texas Way, which encourages state lawmakers to leverage available federal funds and develop a private health insurance option for uninsured, low-wage working Texans that:

* Requires personal responsibility;
* Promotes appropriate utilization of health care services; and
* Reduces inefficient health care spending.

**WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and SEAL OF OFFICE this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014.**

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