



**Resolution Supporting Texas Way**

- WHEREAS,** Texas has the highest rate of residents without health insurance (24%) in the country and El Paso County, with a rate of uninsured of 33 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 employers and the continued success of the Texas economy depend 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,** the El Paso Hispanic 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 SIGNATURE this 30 day of January, 2015.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Ramos-Davidson".

**Cindy Ramos-Davidson**  
CEO, El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce