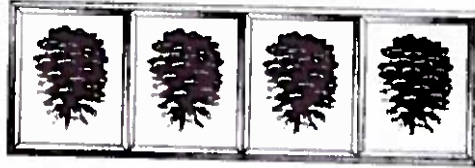


NACOGDOCHES COUNTY



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Resolution Supporting Texas Way

- WHEREAS,** Texas has the highest rate of residents without health insurance (24%) in the country and Nacogdoches County, with a rate of 44% of its adults ages 18-39 years uninsured; 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 Nacogdoches County 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 26th day of March, 2015



Jessica Henderson, Chamber Board Chair



Bruce Partain, CEO