

RESOLUTION CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WHY HEALTH INSURANCES COSTS 35% MORE IN EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS THAN IN CHICAGO, WHAT THE EXTRA COST TO LOCAL BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTS, RESIDENTS, AND TRUE NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IS AND TO RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the cost of health insurance in Champaign County is higher than the cost of health insurance in Chicago, according to Health Alliance, a subsidiary of Carle; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Tribune reported on December 12, 2014 that health insurance in East Central Illinois costs 35% more than in Chicago, and

WHEREAS, it is important for East Central Illinois residents, businesses, the state of Illinois and local governments to understand the economic impact of such higher health insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, according to studies by the two largest newspapers in North Carolina, the profits of “not-for-profit” hospitals exceed those of most businesses and are the driving force behind increased health insurance costs, and

WHEREAS, this issue is a national one that requires public discussion, and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana pays Health Alliance \$3 million per year for approximately 250 employees and the City of Danville pays \$4 million per year to Health Alliance for approximately 250 employees, and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is paying 35% more for health insurance for University of Illinois employees at the Urbana-Champaign campus than for those at the Chicago campus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Urbana City Council supports the creation of a Healthcare Cost Study Task Force composed of residents of the City of Urbana and the City of Danville to study why health insurance costs 35% more in East Central Illinois than in Chicago, what the extra cost to local businesses, governments, residents and true not-for profit organizations is and to recommend solutions.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINS:

---

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

---

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor