

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING AMENDMENT 69.**

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 69, on the Colorado ballot in 2016, would replace the current market-based health insurance system with a government-run single payer system that will cost at least \$38 billion per year; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 69 poses severe risks to the accessibility and affordability of health care in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 69 would make Colorado the only state in the nation with a single-payer health insurance model; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 69 would be embedded in the State Constitution, making it extremely hard to amend or repeal; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 69 would levy a new 10 percent tax on payroll and non-payroll income, giving Colorado the highest state income taxes in the nation and making our state far less competitive for jobs and economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 69 will hit small business owners hardest, since these Coloradans would pay the full 10 percent in new employment taxes plus an additional 10 percent tax on all non-payroll income; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County has estimated that the Amendment 69 tax burden will have an annual impact of \$6.6 million, to the County's budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 69 outlines eleven broad categories of health care coverage, but provides no specifics on benefit levels or cost sharing; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 69 is an excessively costly experiment that would double the size of state government, and threatens our economic vitality; and


**WHEREAS**, Amendment 69 raises serious governance concerns as it will be a new political subdivision of the state, similar to a County and operated by a 21-member board with no accountability to the governor or legislature and with unilateral power to decide benefits, negotiate prices and reimbursement rates, and raise taxes when the initial \$38 billion in annual revenue proves insufficient.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Colorado strongly opposes Amendment 69 as it is contrary to the best interests of the citizens and taxpayers of Douglas County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2016, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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BY:   
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DAVID A. WEAVER, Chair

ATTEST:   
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MEGHAN MCCANN, Deputy Clerk

