

**Temple Beth Am  
Board of Trustees**

**Resolution for Equality in Health Care for all Residents of Washington State**

**January 14, 2015**

WHEREAS, health care is a human right, and

WHEREAS, Jewish values teach that it is the responsibility of the whole community to assure that health care is provided to everyone in the community, and

WHEREAS, individuals, families, communities and local economies thrive when every resident has access to coverage for health care, and

WHEREAS, even though the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has extended coverage for health care, there are inequalities in coverage for certain groups, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Health Benefit Exchange has provided significant reductions in cost of health insurance; however, the premiums are beyond the reach of low income residents, some plans have high cost-sharing, and many individuals are living with medical debt due to illness or injury, and

WHEREAS, nearly ten percent of Washington residents still remain uninsured, and many more are underinsured, and

WHEREAS, Temple Beth Am Board of Trustees went on record in 2009 to support health care reform that leads to secure, quality affordable health care for all, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Temple Beth Am Board of Trustees reaffirms our support for accessible, affordable, and quality health care coverage for all residents of Washington State, AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that Temple Beth Am join the Health Care Is A Human Right Coalition and support its efforts to achieve accessible, affordable and quality health care coverage for all Washington residents by 2020.