CITY OF SILVERTON RESOLUTION 17-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE SILVERTON CITY COUNCIL CALLING ON THE OREGON LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A TRANSPARENT PUBLIC PROCESS TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES TIMELY ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGON RESIDENTS, ENSURES CHOICE OF PROVIDER, HAS EFFECTIVE COST CONTROLS, EQUITABLE ACCESS AND A FOCUS ON PREVENTATIVE CARE

WHEREAS, there are many components that contribute to good health, including the ability to respond to sickness, disease and injury; and

WHEREAS, achieving the goal of living a healthy life is impossible without the ability to access health care; and

WHEREAS, the lack of available health care is a barrier to opportunity, success and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the access to healthcare by all members of a community greatly reduces the risk of contagious diseases, significantly reduces absenteeism for businesses, while simultaneously increasing the quality of life for the whole community; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians should not be divided between those who can afford to be healthy and those who cannot;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SILVERTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Silverton City Council urges the Oregon Legislature, in the 2017 session, to create a transparent public process to develop a system that provides timely access to comprehensive health care for all Oregon residents, ensures choice of provider, has effective cost controls, equitable access, and a focus on preventative care. The process shall begin with the recommendations of the study authorized by HB 2828 from the 2015 session to best meet the criteria described in chapter 712, Oregon laws 2013, and the system will be affordable for families, businesses, and society.

<u>Section 2</u>: That this resolution is and shall be effective after its passage by the City Council.

Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Silverton, this 13th day of March, 2017.

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Mayor, Çity of Silverton Kyle Palmer

ATTEST

City Manager/Recorder, City of Silverton Christy S. Wurster