

R-09-149

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF HEALTH BENEFIT COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES THRU STEPHENS INSURANCE, LLC WITH QUALCHOICE AS THE MAJOR MEDICAL PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Stephens Insurance, LLC with QualChoice has provided quality health benefit coverage this past year; and

WHEREAS, QualChoice has presented its formal renewal offer for employees of the City of North Little Rock (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference); and

WHEREAS, dental claims and expenses paid during 2009 for North Little Rock employees exceeded premiums paid for coverage by approximately 11% with the loss resulting in a need to increase the Delta Dental premiums a total of \$50,935.68 for the 2010 plan year; and

WHEREAS, while average family premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance across the country has jumped 5% this year, the QualChoice medical renewal formula for the City of North Little Rock resulted in only a 2.9% increase for 2010, considerably lower than the national average.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That renewal thru Stephens Insurance, LLC (with QualChoice as the major medical provider) to provide health benefits for City employees is hereby approved. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said renewal, said documents to be approved by the Office of the City Attorney.

SECTION 2: That an increase in premiums as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto is hereby approved.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

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Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

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Mayor Patrick H. Hays

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b