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RESOLUTION – 5-2011: URGING NYS SENATE AND ASSEMBLY TO AMEND ARTICLE 47 TO INCLUDE NONPROFIT AGENCIES AND QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO JOIN THE GTCMHIC

FEBRUARY 24, 2011

Whereas, the GTCMHIC has recently navigated the entire Article 47 certification process, which we understand, we are the first to do so since the law's inception in 1993; and

Whereas, the GTCMHIC Board of Directors has taken the time to reflect on its experiences with the certification process; and

Whereas, the GTCMHIC Board of Directors has come to appreciate the value and need for more municipal health consortiums to be formed; and

Whereas, the GTCMHIC Board of Directors believes that greater access to municipal health consortiums, by nonprofit agencies and quasi-governmental agencies, would greatly benefit the workers in those groups as well as their communities;

NOW, therefore be it

Resolved, that the GTCMHIC Board of Directors strongly urges the NYS Insurance Department and the legislative committees of both the NYS Senate and Assembly to give serious consideration to amending Article 47 in the following ways:

1. Lower the contract count from 2,000 to 1,000
2. Modify the reserving requirements to a level similar to that allowed for our certification
3. Define Union participation in Consortium governance
4. Expand the definitions of eligible employers to include quasi-government agencies like Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and community nonprofit agencies such as day care centers;

And be it Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator James Seward, Senator George Winner Jr., Senator Nozzolio, Assemblyman Joe Morelle, Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, and the NYS Insurance Department.

Moved: Mary Ann Sumner

Seconded: Anita Fitzpatrick

Vote: Unanimously Approved

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium on the 24th day of February, 2011.

Judith C. Drake, Secretary,
Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

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