

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 09-19-002

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO,
OPPOSING AMENDMENT 69 ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

WHEREAS, Amendment 69 will appear on the 2016 ballot at the general election on November 8, 2016, which, if approved by the voters, would create ColoradoCare, a health payment system to finance health care for all Colorado residents; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 69 would replace the current market-based health insurance system with an initial 25-billion-dollar price tag; and

WHEREAS, to pay for the new system, Amendment 69 would levy an additional 10 percent (10%) tax on payroll, 2/3 paid by the employer and 1/3 paid by the employee, negatively affecting all working families, and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the payroll tax, Amendment 69 would collect an additional ten percent (10%) from all non-payroll income, such as interest income, dividends, tax refunds, capital gain, sole proprietor business income and retirement income; and

WHEREAS, the payroll and income taxes for ColoradoCare would be an addition to the current 4.63% state income tax rate, giving the highest state income taxes in the nation and making our state far less competitive for jobs and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, ColoradoCare would not be an agency of the State of Colorado. It will be 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 annual revenue proves insufficient; and

WHEREAS, ColoradoCare would be exempt from the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, allowing the system's costs and taxes to grow unfettered; and

WHEREAS, ColoradoCare would cover in-state healthcare only, forcing Coloradoans to purchase additional insurance when traveling outside of the state; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 69 would be embedded in the State Constitution, making it extremely hard to amend or repeal, as it would require another vote of the Colorado residents; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Phillips County strongly opposes Amendment 69 as it is contrary to the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers of Phillips County.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of September, 2016.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

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