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RESOLUTION HEALTH CARE ACCESS, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

According to most health care professionals, the most chronic and prevalent health problems with the labor force and general population in the Delta are hypertension, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Although there are many other health care issues which warrant area-wide attention, health care providers commonly agree that a major Delta initiative aimed at *education, access and research*, focused on hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and other chronic health issues would provide a mechanism for intervention and remedial steps to meet other health care challenges. It is also important to Delta Council that outcomes-based measurements performed by an independent third party should be a requirement of all projects which receive public funds and are aimed at these interventions, especially for those of Delta Health Alliance.

Thus far, solid results have consistently been registered due to the innovative approaches used by Delta Health Alliance, when combined with the cooperative commitment of project partners. The programs and delivery methods utilized to improve access to health care services by Delta Health Alliance are rapidly proving to strengthen the local health care infrastructure in those areas served by the organization in the Mississippi Delta. Delta Council encourages the Congress, State officials, and local officials to support and cooperate with the efforts of Delta Health Alliance, as one of the most promising commitments toward improved access to primary health care for the Delta.

Delta Council acknowledges that without the priority placed on the health care needs of underserved, rural populations in the Delta, rural health care would fall further behind the national average. We are especially indebted to retired Senator Cochran's foresight in the establishment of this federal-local partnership.

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