

April 26, 2008

MEMORANDUM FROM Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana gathered in General Conference at the 36th Annual Convention in Billings, MT.

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution

Resolution on State Active Duty Medical Coverage

Resolution No. 08-04

Concerning: The proposed medical coverage for members of the Montana National Guard serving on State Active Duty (SAD) while in service to the state of Montana.

WHEREAS, all members of the Montana National Guard are subject to call up for State Active Duty; and

WHEREAS, State Active Duty is as inherently hazardous as any military active duty. Those same members of the Montana National Guard would be adequately covered if serving on Federal Active Duty with their respective active duty counterparts; and

WHEREAS, the illness and serious injuries sustained while on State Active Duty adversely affect the members of the Montana National Guard in exactly the same manner as their active duty counterparts; and

WHEREAS, members of the Montana National Guard that are unemployed, self-employed or underinsured by the policies of many small business, this poses undue hardships on the Guardsmen, their families and employers; and

WHEREAS, the illness and or disabling injuries seriously affect the duty status of the members of the Montana National Guard as well as the readiness status of their unit; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana, gathered here in General Conference on April 26, 2008 in Billings, Montana do request that the Legislature of the State of Montana during the 2009 Session adopt a medical coverage plan similar to the TRICARE Prime Remote, as utilized by the active duty military, for members of the Montana National Guard serving on State Active Duty be it for treatment, recovery or disability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer, Senate President Mike Cooney, Senate Minority Leader Corey Stapleton, Speaker of the House Scott Sales, House Minority Leader John Parker as well as the Chairman of the State Administration and Veteran's Affairs Interim Committee.

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Date Approved