

**RESOLUTION**

**Urging the U.S. Congress to support efforts to preserve Medicare and Social Security.**

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**WHEREAS, The National Commission of Fiscal Responsibility and Reform was established by President Obama to examine federal programs, including Social Security and Medicare and to recommend how to reduce the annual deficit.**

**WHEREAS, Social Security benefits did not cause the debt problem, has no effect on the deficit and should not be altered; the rising cost of Medicare is a direct result of the ever-increasing cost of health care and prescription drugs.**

**WHEREAS, Social Security and Medicare are two of our nation's greatest success stories and have helped keep generations of Americans out of poverty and allow them to retire with dignity.**

**AND WHEREAS, Social Security is fiscally sound until 2040 and can remain so indefinitely if the cap on income that is taxed for Social Security is raised or lifted entirely.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, Cuyahoga County, Ohio hereby urges the Congress of the United States to:**

- **Mandate Medicare to negotiate drug prices on behalf of all Medicare beneficiaries**
- **Raise or eliminate the annual cap on income taxed for Social Security**
- **Reject any recommendations that would cut Social Security or Medicare benefits**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, do hereby support the campaign to preserve Medicare and Social Security, insuring that these vital programs continue their social contract with the American people.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Susan E. Axelrod, Director, Department of Senior & Adult Services.**

**On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Hagan, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Dimora, Hagan, Jones.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,  
Clerk of the Board**

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