



Resolution #17-16

RESOLUTION DEMANDING CONGRESS IMMEDIATELY REINSTATE THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

WHEREAS, Congress has allowed the expiration of the Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides low-cost health insurance to 9 million children from low and moderate income families, and has thus reduced the number of uninsured children nationwide from 14% to 4.5%,

WHEREAS, this 1997, bipartisan program created during the Bill Clinton Presidency, allows children to see a doctor for routine checkups, immunizations, prescription drugs, dental and vision care, laboratory and x-ray services, inpatient and outpatient hospital care, emergency services, and doctor visits during illness, as well as providing health services to pregnant women,

WHEREAS, this program is primarily funded by the Federal government, at a cost of approximately \$13.6 billion, with states paying varying amounts, thus causing many State accounts to be completely depleted by the end of 2017,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County asks Congress to take immediate action to restore funding to this critical program before our children and families suffer irreparable harm and financial devastation.

**Adopted by the Democratic Party of Orange County
At its October 23, 2017 Central Committee Meeting**