

Item # 3A

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation to Stand with AARP's Divided We Fail Initiative on Health Care and Financial Security

WHEREAS, most employers have stopped offering traditional pensions benefits and fewer than half of all workers have not signed up for a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement savings plan; and

WHEREAS, for nearly two-thirds of the elderly, Social Security provides the majority of income; and

WHEREAS, nearly half (44 percent) of all Americans believe they have not saved enough for retirement; and

WHEREAS, most Americans (60 percent) are worried about being able to afford health insurance over the next year; and

WHEREAS, over half (53 percent) of American adults report having to decrease savings and over one-third (37 percent) had difficulty paying bills in order to pay for health care costs; and

WHEREAS, partisan politics and ideological gridlock have divided our leaders and prevented reasonable, common sense, balanced solutions.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Carson City, Nevada stands with AARP's Divided We Fail effort to amplify the voices of millions of Americans who believe that health care and lifetime financial security are the most pressing domestic issues facing our nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand together to call on every candidate seeking public office to provide a real plan of action and commitment to ensuring that all Americans have access to affordable, quality health care and peace of mind about their lifetime financial security; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Carson City, Nevada supports AARP's Divided We Fail Initiative, join in their efforts to generate millions of voices for change, and urge our leaders to deliver action and answers on health care and lifetime financial security.



Dated this 2nd Day of October 2008.

Marv Teixeira, Mayor