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**RESOLUTION NO. R03-11 CMS**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR OHIO HOUSE BILL 290,  
SENATE BILL 127, THE OHIO PRESCRIPTION DRUG FAIR PRICING ACT**

**WHEREAS, one of four Americans, including 2.2 million Ohioans, have no prescription drug coverage; and**

**WHEREAS, prescription drug prices are rising twice, as fast as the rate of inflation; and**

**WHEREAS, Individual Americans pay 30% to 70% more than Canadians and Mexicans for the same prescriptions and about twice what the federal government pays for the same drugs under the Federal Supply Schedule; and**

**WHEREAS, U.S. prescription drug spending rose nearly 17% in 1999 – some \$99.6 billion – and analysts predict spending on pharmaceuticals will jump about 12.6% annually until 2010; and**

**WHEREAS, the pharmaceutical industry is the most profitable industry in the world, making profits of 18.3% compared to an average profit of 5% for other industries; and**

**WHEREAS, HB 290 and SB 127, the Prescription Drug Fair Pricing Act, would address these issues by providing a prescription drug card to all Ohioans who do not have prescription drug coverage or are grossly underinsured; giving the State the authority to negotiate substantial rebates from drug companies and discounts from drug retailers, then passing them on to participants; providing the State with tools to help persuade drug companies to negotiate in good faith; and paying administrative and other costs out of the negotiated rebates, thus incurring no cost to taxpayers.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, COUNTY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:**

**SECTION 1. That the Mayor and the Council of the City of Oberlin hereby urge the passage of Ohio HB 290 and SB 127, the Prescription Drug Fair Pricing Act.**

**SECTION 2. That the Clerk of the City of Oberlin is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Coalition for Affordable Prescription Drugs, 3250 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115, Lynn Wachtmann, Chair of the Ohio Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and Gregory Jolivette, Chair of the Ohio House Health and Family Services Committee; and that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.**

SECTION 3. That is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were passed in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - May 5, 2003 (E)  
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ATTEST:

  
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