

RESOLUTION NO. R 011 90

REQUESTING REDUCTION IN MEDICARE ENROLLMENT WAITING PERIOD WAIVER

WHEREAS, present federal law requires severely disabled Social Security beneficiaries to wait two years before they are eligible for Medicare enrollment; and

WHEREAS, Social Security disability beneficiaries are unable to work and have limited income; and

WHEREAS, many of said beneficiaries face extreme hardship during said "waiting period" because of astronomic medical bills and drug expenses they may forego, further aggravating their condition; and

WHEREAS, there have been documented cases of Social Security beneficiaries dying as a result of failing to purchase lifesaving medication during the two-year waiting period; and

WHEREAS, the Social Security Trust Fund has experienced unexpected surpluses in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering alternatives for use of said surplus funds; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the citizens of Sussex County, Delaware, as well as the citizens of the United States of America, if the United States Government would allow citizens to become Medicare eligible without a two-year waiting period when they have been found to be Social Security eligible disabled;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sussex County Council that the Delaware Congressional delegation is hereby urged to actively pursue a review by Congress of the mandatory two-year waiting period for disabled Social Security recipients to qualify for Medicare benefits in the interest of the health and welfare of a significant portion of the population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to The Honorable William V. Roth, Jr.,

United States Senator; The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., United States Senator; and The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, United States Representative.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. R 011 90 PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUSSEX COUNTY ON THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 1990.


DORIS E. ROGERS
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL