

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 9—Assemblymen Joiner, Frierson, Carrillo, Sprinkle, McCurdy II; Araujo, Benitez-Thompson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Cohen, Daly, Diaz, Flores, Fumo, Jauregui, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Neal, Ohrenschall, Spiegel, Swank, Thompson, Watkins and Yeager

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress not to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or its most important provisions.

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), commonly known as the Affordable Care Act, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act established a comprehensive series of health insurance reforms designed to make universal, affordable health insurance coverage available to all Americans, while also controlling rising health care costs and ending certain common industry practices that limited access to health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act expanded access to health insurance coverage by creating health insurance marketplaces, allowing children to stay on a parent's health insurance plan until the age of 26 years, expanding Medicaid and establishing a system of tax credits and penalties designed to both encourage consumers to purchase individual health insurance coverage and provide incentives to businesses to encourage them to provide health insurance coverage to employees; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act prohibits an insurer from denying health insurance coverage to a person on the basis of a preexisting condition, prohibits an insurer from rescinding coverage, eliminates lifetime and annual limits on coverage, requires all marketplace plans to provide coverage for 10 essential health benefits, including preventative care, establishes a mechanism for consumers to appeal determinations regarding coverage and establishes a system to assist consumers in navigating the health insurance marketplace; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act additionally provides incentives to expand the number of primary health care providers and encourages them to serve in medically underserved areas, promotes alternative payment methodologies designed to improve the value of care and encourages patients to use community-based



resources and other services intended to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and inappropriate emergency department use; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act further mandates health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening tests for persons who are between 50 and 75 years of age, mammograms annually for women who are over 40 years of age, and regular screenings of women for cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus vaccine to prevent cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act mandates health insurance coverage for immunization vaccines for children, including, without limitation, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza, measles and rotavirus; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act includes many other benefits and protections to ensure access to health care by all; and

WHEREAS, A number of national leaders have proposed repealing the Affordable Care Act during the 115th Congress without a plan to replace the Affordable Care Act which adequately protects the thousands of Nevadans who benefit from or may not have access to health insurance coverage without the Act; and

WHEREAS, Repealing the Affordable Care Act without establishing mechanisms to preserve the significant improvements and protections afforded by the law, and without adequately providing for those who stand to lose their health insurance coverage upon repeal, will have significant detrimental effects on individuals and their families, on the health care industry in general and on the overall economic well-being of both Nevada and the nation as a whole; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to fully preserve the critical benefits afforded by the Affordable Care Act which many Nevadans have come to rely upon; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Congress should not repeal the Affordable Care Act so that these essential programs remain available to future generations of Nevadans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States, as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

