**NMA – 9/12**

**Resolution #1**

**INTRODUCED BY: METRO OMAHA MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**SUBJECT: NEBRASKA HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE**

**WHEREAS**, State-based Health Insurance Exchanges can make it easier for individuals and small employers to shop, compare, and enroll in health insurance coverage at more reasonable costs, and

**WHEREAS**, If states don’t act by 2013, the federal government is required by law to set up federal Exchanges that would give the Federal Government unprecedented control of state markets and will not be responsive to local needs, and

**WHEREAS**, All qualified plans should be available to our patients on an Exchange not the standardized plans designed by Washington, and

**WHEREAS**, State regulators, who are responsible for the entire market and assuring health plans have enough resources to pay claims, should continue to oversee premiums, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Nebraska Medical Association fully supports the development of a Nebraska based Health Insurance Exchange including a state – federal hybrid which initially does not take on additional functions beyond what is required by law.