

**Sponsor: Representative Karen Camper, Tennessee**

***Support for Inclusion of Vaccines & Monoclonal Antibodies for RSV Within the Vaccines for Children Program***

Whereas, RSV is a highly transmissible, seasonal virus which may have severe and unpredictable outcomes for infants, including hospitalization

Whereas, nearly all children will be infected with RSV by age 2 and most infants requiring hospitalization were previously healthy and born at term

Whereas, RSV is the leading cause of hospitalization among infants in the US

Whereas RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia (infection of the lungs) in children younger than 1 year of age in the United States

Whereas, the current RSV season has resulted in significant morbidity and increased mortality

Whereas, in the United States RSV infections typically occur during late fall, winter and early spring meaning urgent preparation is needed

Whereas, monoclonal antibodies for RSV show promise of preventative protection against RSV

Whereas, RSV disproportionately affects infants with Medicaid coverage, Native Americans, and Alaskan Natives

Whereas, The Vaccines For Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay

Whereas, VFC coverage is critical to ensure equity and access for all infants in order to have the greatest impact on disease burden

Therefore, let it be Resolved that **NOBEL, The National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women**, urge the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to include new RSV immunization technologies, including vaccines and monoclonal antibodies, within the federal VFC program if the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issues administrative recommendations that are subsequently approved by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Upon adoption of this resolution a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the public welfare requiring it.