

## Resolution on an Assured Annual Income

Whereas, the *Health Profession Act, Schedule 27, Profession of Social Workers*, defines social work practice and among others includes, “contribut[ing] to the development and improvement of social policy;”

Whereas, ACSW members have recommended that Alberta College of Social Workers actively engage with the Canadian Association of Social Workers and the effort to create agreement for a federal Social Care Act by lobbying the Government of Alberta and its MLAs;

Whereas, there are national, provincial and local efforts to create an assured annual income program using a variety of names such as a Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) a Guaranteed Annual Income (GAI), Guaranteed Minimum Income (GMI), Negative Income Tax (NIT) and a Universal Demogrant (UD);

Whereas, all of these efforts share a common purpose, namely, to provide an income to everyone;

Whereas, the principles of the proposed Social Care Act are designed to guide the allocation of federal payments through the Canada Social Transfer (CST) to the provinces;

Whereas, the common good of all Albertans is best served by the principle of universality without a test of eligibility thereby ensuring the means for a modest lifestyle; and,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alberta College of Social Workers actively promote and support the development of an assured annual income that is consistent with the principles of the CASW proposed Social Care Act, universal in its application and ensuring the means for a modest life style by formally lobbying the Alberta Government;