

1A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING H.R. 1384
MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2019; URGING THE
FEDERAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AND PASS
H.R. 1384 MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2019; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2017, more than 2.6 million people in Florida lacked health insurance at some point, and Florida had the fifth-highest rate of uninsured residents in the nation, with nearly 13% of the state's population uninsured; and

WHEREAS, nearly 30 million Americans continue to have no health insurance and another 40 million Americans remain underinsured since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, every person in the City of St. Petersburg deserves high quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the rising costs of health care have made it more difficult for the City's most vulnerable residents, including low income seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, families with children and those experiencing homelessness, and have added challenges to local government and to small businesses, which keep our communities thriving; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 would provide national health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs, hospital services, surgical services, primary care, preventative care, emergency services, reproductive care, dental care, vision care and long-term care; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 would provide coverage without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash the costs of administration, protect the doctor-patient relationship and assure patients a free choice of doctors; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for residents of the City, especially the City's most vulnerable residents, would improve because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, instead of waiting until a medical emergency upends their life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that City Council requests that the Federal Delegation make a deliberative and thorough effort to support H.R. 1384 Medicare for All Act of 2019.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approved as to form and content:

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