

**RESOLUTION RECORD**  
**VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, OHIO**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 20-03**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Mayor Elkins

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2019,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the number of Americans without health insurance is still nearly 30 million, while more than 40 million Americans remain underinsured, despite important gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, every person in THE Village of Newburgh Heights deserves high quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the never-ending rising costs of health care add challenges to our already strapped municipal budget and our 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, surgical and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; women's reproductive care; dental and 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 bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship and assure patients a free choice of doctors; and

WHEREAS, recent polls show that a majority of Americans support Medicare-for-All; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 will guarantee that all residents of the Village of Newburgh Heights will be fully covered for health care without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would save millions in taxpayer dollars now spent on premiums that provide often inadequate health insurance coverage for government employees; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for the residents of the Village of Newburgh Heights will vastly improve because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, instead of waiting until they have a medical emergency that could upend their lives as well as further burden local resources; and

WHEREAS millions with insurance have coverage so inadequate that a major illness would lead to financial ruin, and medical illness and bills contribute to two-thirds of all bankruptcies; and

WHEREAS managed care and other market-based reforms have failed to contain health care costs, which threaten the international competitiveness of U.S. businesses; and

WHEREAS, the existence of thousands of public and private insurance providers and regulators has resulted in extraordinarily complex health care business procedures that consume almost one-third of our nation's expenditures for health care; and

WHEREAS administrative waste stemming from our reliance on private insurers consumes one-third of private health spending while the single-payer Medicare system has administration costs of less than 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, rationing health care according to ability to pay has diminished the overall health of our citizens to the point that the United States ranks last among industrialized nations in health outcomes and as many as 30,000 people in the United States die each year due to inadequate health care; and

WHEREAS numerous academic studies have concluded that the administrative savings under a single-payer, Medicare for All system would be enough to cover the currently uninsured and improve coverage for all those who now have only partial coverage; and

WHEREAS entrusting care to profit-oriented firms diverts billions of dollars to outrageous incomes for CEOs and threatens the quality of care; and

WHEREAS, the failure to provide affordable and appropriate preventative health care services places unnecessary and more costly demands upon the Village's emergency health care services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, at least two-thirds of all the members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. The Village Council hereby enthusiastically supports the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R. 1384 and S. 1129) and calls on our federal legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

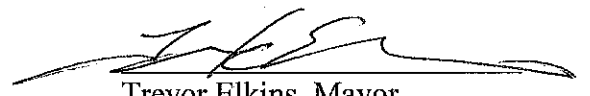
Section 2. The Village Council expresses its enthusiastic support for Ohio HB 292, Provide Universal Health Care Coverage, and calls upon our state legislators to work toward its immediate enactment.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in such formal action occurred in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

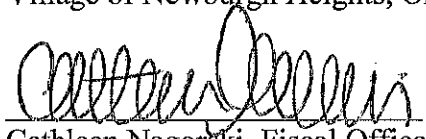
PASSED: February 4, 2020

Approved as to Form

John F. McEl  
Solicitor



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Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio



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Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio

1<sup>ST</sup> Reading: 1/7/20  
2<sup>ND</sup> Reading: 1/21/20  
3<sup>RD</sup> Reading: 2/4/20