

RESOLUTION 020320-1

Resolution in Support of Medicare for All

WHEREAS, high quality health care is a human right for every person in New London; *and*

WHEREAS, the \$3.5 trillion US multi-payer system is the most expensive in the world, yet has left nearly 30 million Americans without health insurance and over 40 million underinsured; *and*

WHEREAS, the rising costs of health care are straining both our limited municipal budget and the small businesses which are integral to our community's well-being; *and*

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

WHEREAS, H.R. 1384, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 would provide universal single-payer 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; reproductive care; dental and vision care; and long-term care; *and*

WHEREAS, Medicare for All would provide coverage without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship, and assure patients an unrestricted choice of doctors; *and*

WHEREAS, adoption of H.R. 1384, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 would guarantee that all residents of New London will be fully covered for health care and would save a fortune in taxpayer dollars now spent on ever-rising premiums that provide inadequate health insurance coverage; *and*

WHEREAS, the quality of life for the residents of New London 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New London City Council enthusiastically supports Medicare for All and calls on our federal legislators to work toward enactment of H.R.1384, the Medicare for All Act of 2019, that will assure appropriate and efficient health care for all residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New London City Council expresses its enthusiastic support for a state-level single payer program in Connecticut, similar to

legislation which already exists in neighboring states — Rhode Island (H.5611 Comprehensive Health Insurance Program), Massachusetts (H.1194 An Act Establishing Medicare for All in Massachusetts) and New York (A.5248 New York Health Act) — and calls on our state legislators to work toward the immediate introduction of similar legislation and the enactment of such legislation to guarantee healthcare to all Connecticut residents.

Date Approved by City Council: February 3, 2020

Effective Date: February 3, 2020

Signed: Efraín Domínguez, Jr.
Efraín Domínguez, Jr., City Council President

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Jonathan Ayala, City Clerk