

## **Medicare for All Resolution**

### **Butte County Health Care Coalition**

**Whereas,** the number of Americans without health insurance is still nearly 30 million, while more than 40 million Americans remain under-insured, despite important gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and

**Whereas,** our ability to respond adequately to public health emergencies – such as the current virus epidemic – depends on the ability to protect the entire community by removing barriers to testing and treatment, and

**Whereas,** every person in (Chico/Butte) 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 coverage without co-pays, 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 (Chico/Butte) will be fully covered for health care without co-pays, 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 (Chico/Butte) will vastly improve because they would be able to afford 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 have coverage so inadequate that a major illness would lead to financial ruin and medical illness and bills contribute to 2/3 of all bankruptcies, and

**Whereas,** market based reforms have failed to contain healthcare 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 procedures that consume almost 1/3 of our nation's health care expenditures without contributing to any care, and

**Whereas,** numerous academic studies have demonstrated that the administrative savings of Medicare for All would significantly decrease the costs to hospitals as well as cover the currently uninsured and under-insured

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the (Council/Board of Supervisors) enthusiastically supports the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (HR 1384 and S 1129) and calls on our federal legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient comprehensive healthcare for all residents of the United States.

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(endorsing organization)

(signatory)

(title)

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