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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