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**City Council Approves Medicare for All Resolution**

Yesterday, July 19th, The Toledo City Council approved by a vote of 10 to 1, passing the resolution-345-22, Supporting the Medicare for All Act encouraging all lawmakers to support the Medicare for All at both State and Federal levels.

Mayor Kapszukiewicz has been in favor of Medicare for more than a year stating in May 22, 2021 : “ Let it be known to all: here in Toledo, Ohio, we support a Medicare for All, single payer system, that would cover every American with healthcare. That includes vision, dental, hearing, prescription drugs, mental health care, and more.”

In the Resolution, Councilmember Dr. Michele Grim outlines the need for Medicare for all, siting the 30 million Americans currently uninsured, the $400 Billion annual savings from administrative waste, choice of physicians, 68% of health professionals support national health insurance.

Dr. Grim states “Healthcare is a right - not a privilege. I’m proud to sponsor the resolution for Medicare for All which will lower costs and cover everyone.”

“It is time to celebrate our accomplishment of steady growth toward medical freedom.” Says activist, Dennis Slotnick. “Our next step is to put public pressure on Senator Sherrod Brown and Representative Marcy Kaptur to sign on to the Medicare for All Act. Then all Americans will have freedom for financial barriers to medical care, freedom from poor health outcomes and freedom from supplementals, deductibles and copays. Everyone will be covered for all medical needs.” states Slotnick, Region 2 coordinator of SPAN Ohio, (Single-Payer Action Network of Ohio)

Medicare for All in Toledo was the central theme of Democracy Day 2022 on March 30 where Council heard and read testimony from dozens of citizens and community experts on the need for comprehensive health care for all Toledans. Today’s vote is a culmination of many years of community actions to equally provide all medical care.

Lucas County Commissioners have previously passed a similar resolution.

The resolution now goes to our members of Congress, and Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, all members of the Ohio General Assembly that represent Toledo and its surrounding areas, as well as the Speaker of the Ohio House and the President of the Ohio Senate.

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See attached draft of the Resolution R346-22.