

Residents Applaud
RED BANK BOROUGH Council
Approval of
Resolution Supporting
Medicare for All

Red Bank Joins 38 Cities across the US that passed Resolutions Demanding Guaranteed Health Care for All.

Red Bank, New Jersey – RED BANK residents applaud the RED BANK BOROUGH COUNCIL for approving a resolution calling for our federal Congressional delegation to support passage of the Medicare for All Act of 2019 and the Healthcare Emergency Guarantee Act of 2020.

The resolution is one of 39 that have been passed in 2019 - 2020. The effort is being organized by numerous nationwide organizations including Public Citizen, Our Revolution, The Center for Popular Democracy and Healthcare-NOW. The local effort has been led by activists of Our Revolution Monmouth, an affiliate of the national progressive movement group, Our Revolution.

“As members of Our Revolution Monmouth and residents of Red Bank, we are very pleased that the Red Bank Council will join other towns and cities throughout the United States approving a Medicare For All Resolution that will encourage our legislators to appreciate the great need for affordable, comprehensive healthcare for everyone,” said Charlie and Judi Pack.

The resolution was introduced by Councilmember Kate Triggiano: “The unanimous vote to pass the Medicare for All Resolution by myself and my council-mates is testament to how far we have come in the fight to win Medicare for All. This Resolution is a statement of the vision we have for a better future and a promise to continuously work towards shaping that future for the benefit of all. I am confident we will see it through.”

Local activist Karla Ortega was one of the eleven Red Bank residents who provided personal testimony urging the Council to pass the Resolution: “Healthcare for all is essential and would cover the undocumented community living in Red Bank. Right now they are not eligible for health coverage due to their immigration status and Medicare for All would help our town be safer by enabling everyone to prevent, detect and treat illnesses.”

The resolution calls for passage of the Medicare for All Act of 2019, which would guarantee comprehensive health care for all Americans and would eliminate co-pays, deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs that are keeping needed health care out of reach for residents of Red Bank. It also expresses support for the Healthcare Emergency Guarantee Act of 2020

which would guarantee all residents full coverage for medically necessary health care without any out-of-pocket costs from now until a COVID-19 vaccine is widely available to the public.

Even before the Covid-19 pandemic, 700,000 NJ residents, and 30 million nationally, lacked health insurance. Job losses due to the pandemic could raise the number of uninsured by 150%. In New Jersey, 72% of the uninsured are minorities. Additionally, high out-of-pocket expenses often make insurance unusable for insured residents. Between the uninsured and underinsured, too many community members are left behind by our current system and local governments often deal most directly with the consequences of our unaffordable and inequitable healthcare.

Red Bank is part of a growing movement in which city and town councils across the United States are calling for Congress to pass Medicare for All.

Information about Medicare-for-All and the growing demand for Congress to pass Medicare-for-All can be found at medicare4allresolutions.org and medicare4all.org.

Picture attached was taken at a People's Assembly for Medicare for All organized by Our Revolution Monmouth in 2019, with Councilmember Kate Triggiano and local activists in attendance.