

ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

September 17, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 23087

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH: SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLE THAT HEALTH CARE IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the number of Americans without health insurance is still nearly 30 million, while more than 40 million Americans remain underinsured, despite important gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, every person in the City of Tucson deserves high quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the never-ending rising costs of healthcare add challenges to our already strapped municipal budget and our small businesses, which keep our communities thriving; and

WHEREAS, healthcare is a basic human right; and

WHEREAS, some form of national health insurance for every person in the United States should be provided covering necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; women's reproductive care; dental and vision care; and long-term care; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for the residents of the City of Tucson 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 BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council support the principle that healthcare is a basic human right.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Council support some form of national health insurance for every person in the United States, including Medicare for All, covering all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical and outpatient services; primary and preventative care; emergency services; women's reproductive care; dental and vision care; and long-term care.

SECTION 3. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Tucson that this Resolution become immediately effective, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, September 17, 2019.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY:

CITY MANAGER

MR/dg
8/28/19