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RESOLUTION NO. 308 - 2023, supporting a Congressional passage of Medicare for All and urging all Ohio Federal Representatives to support the Medicare for all Act of 2022, currently pending in the U.S. Senate as Senate Bill 4204; and declaring an emergency.

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

WHEREAS, Medicare for All would provide national health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs, hospital, surgical and outpatient services, primary and preventive care, emergency services, reproductive care, dental and vision care, and long-term care; and

WHEREAS, Medicare for All would provide every person in the United States, including residents of Akron, full healthcare coverage without copays, 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, polling shows that a majority of Americans support Medicare for All; and

WHEREAS, every resident of Akron deserves access to high quality health care; and

WHEREAS, employers, including public employers like the City of Akron, would save money and no longer have to cope with the hassles of negotiating for health insurance coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Akron:

Section 1. That Council hereby supports the Congressional passage of Medicare for All and urging all Ohio Federal Representative to support the Medicare for all Act of 2022, currently pending in the U.S. Senate as Senate Bill 4204, to recognize that access to quality healthcare is a basic human right, and to ensure access through a national plan for healthcare coverage for all Americans, free from cost sharing and other obstacles.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be and is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to President Joe Biden, Senator J.D. Vance, Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Bernie Sanders, and all members of Ohio's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is immediately necessary for this Council to express its support for Senate Bill 4204, and provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed October 03, 2023

Diana R. Biviano
Clerk of Council

Clayton Samuel
President of Council

Approved 10/25, 2023

Dustin
MAYOR

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PART I – General Information

Subject of Requested Legislation:

Resolution supporting a Congressional passage of Medicare for All, and Urging all Ohio Federal Representatives to support the Medicare for All Act of 2022, currently pending in the US Senate as Senate Bill 4904

Department/Division: Council/Elected

Requestor: Nancy Holland , Tara Mosley, Shammass Malik Phone/Ext: Holland: 330-283-6178

If applicable, previous legislation on this subject (reference by ordinance/resolution number):

Purpose/Objective of Legislation:

to urge Ohio's elected representatives to the US Senate and House of Representatives to support SB 4204, and to recognize that access to quality healthcare is a basic human right, and to assure that access through a national plan for healthcare coverage for all Americans, free from costsharing and other obstacles

PART II – Financial Information

Does this Legislation directly involve the expenditure of funds?

YES

NO

Was this expenditure budgeted for in the current operating budget?

YES

NO

If "YES," describe how the budgeted amount for the project compares to the actual or estimated costs:

City Expenditures

Budgeted Costs	
Amount:	\$ 0.00
Fund:	
Org:	
Acct:	

Estimate of Costs	
Amount:	\$ 0.00
Fund:	
Org:	
Acct:	

City Receipts

City Receipt of Funds	
Amount:	\$ 0.00
Fund:	
Org:	
Acct:	

Amount:	
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Other Consideration

Total expenditure (if applicable): \$n/a

Total receipts (if applicable): \$n/a

PART III – DETAILED INFORMATION:

Attach detailed information/documentation, as described in UCR Instruction Sheet.