

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
IN SUPPORT OF SINGLE PAYER BILLS FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM**

Resolution # _____

WHEREAS, recent polls show that 69% of Californians support single-payer health care and every person in **Humboldt County** deserves high quality health care. The federal, *Improved Medicare for All Bill, HR 1976*, would establish comprehensive, universal single-payer health care with a cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the nation, state and specifically for the **County of Humboldt**; and

WHEREAS, the federal legislation would guarantee that all residents of **Humboldt County** 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 often provide inadequate health insurance coverage for government employees and would save the **County of Humboldt** the cost burden of a health insurance provision; and

WHEREAS, this legislative act would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship, and assure patients a free choice of doctors; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing costs of health care, which are further elevated due to the pandemic, may challenge our already strapped state and municipal budgets; and

WHEREAS, the number of Californians before the Covid-19 pandemic without health insurance was 2.7 million, with 12 million Californians underinsured, despite important gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, the current Covid-19 pandemic has led to record levels of unemployment, loss of employer-sponsored health insurance, a severely strained health care system, widespread illness, and has taken a profound toll on our community's mental health, all of which is placing significant demands on our health care system, and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic further exposed the dangers of our fragmented, profit-driven health care system, which leads many Californians to delay seeking needed health care due to an inability to pay, leading to a sicker and poorer population in the long run and such population is significantly more likely to develop serious illness exposed to diseases like Covid-19 and will subsequently face higher mortality rates; and

WHEREAS, *Improved Medicare for All* would guarantee care without charge at the point of service for all California and national residents 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **County of Humboldt** expresses its support for the bill, ***Improved Medicare for All, HR 1976***, and calls upon our national legislators to work toward its immediate enactment.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022 by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, by the following vote:

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: