

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
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**Resolution No. 22-23**

**Resolution of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in Support for Single Payer Bills for Health Care Reform**

**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

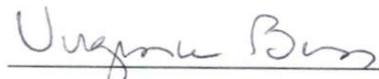
**WHEREAS**, the number of Californians before the Covid-19 pandemic without health insurance was 2.7 million, with 12 million Californians underinsured, despite important gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

**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.

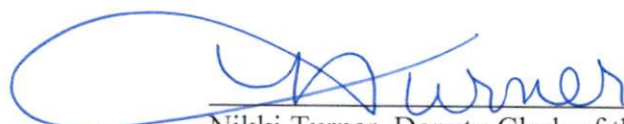
  
Virginia Bass, Chair of the Board  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022 by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, by the following vote:

YES: Supervisors: Bohn, Bass, Bushnell, Wilson, Madrone  
NO:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors. KATHY HAYES Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

  
Nikki Turner, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors