

**SUB _____ TO 2020 RES-295 (Proposed-Hatcher)
IN SUPPORT OF THE MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2019**

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3 Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, close to 30 million Americans were without health insurance.
4 Millions more Americans have lost their employer-based health insurance since the onset of the
5 pandemic, including an estimated 446,000 Wisconsin residents, according to the Kaiser Family
6 Foundation's analysis in July 2020.

7 The pandemic has demonstrated how our public health depends on the universal availability of
8 high quality health care to all people. The current for-profit healthcare system has demonstrated
9 the inability to protect the health of residents prior to, as well as during, this pandemic. Millions
10 with insurance have coverage so inadequate that a major illness would lead to financial ruin, and
11 medical illness and bills contribute to two-thirds of all bankruptcies.

12 In Wisconsin, Black, Latinx, and Indigenous people suffer from significant healthcare disparities
13 compared with their White counterparts, including, but not limited to higher rates of being
14 uninsured, of poor or fair health status, chronic diseases, significantly higher preterm births,
15 maternal mortality, and overall mortality. People of color have been hospitalized at high rates due
16 to COVID-19 and suffered death at rates alarmingly higher than would be predicted for their
17 population sizes in Wisconsin. Those same communities of color would see reductions in the
18 aforementioned healthcare disparities from having access to high quality, universal healthcare
19 without the interruptions in care present in an employer-based for-profit system.

20 Every person in Dane County deserves high quality health care. Continuously rising costs of
21 health care add challenges to already strapped municipal budgets and small businesses.
22 Healthcare is a right and not a privilege, but employer based health insurance has not adequately
23 ensured that right for millions in this country.

24 The Medicare for All Act of 2019 would provide national health insurance for every person in the
25 United States for all necessary medical care, including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical, and
26 outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental
27 and vision care; and long-term care. The Medicare for All Act of 2019 would provide coverage
28 without copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs and would also slash bureaucracy,
29 protect the doctor-patient relationship, and assure patients a free choice of doctors.

~~30 — Recent polls show that a majority of Americans support Medicare for All.~~

~~31~~3430 The Medicare for All Act of 2019 would guarantee that all residents of Dane County would be fully
~~32~~3231 covered for health care without copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs. The quality of
~~33~~3332 life for the residents of Dane County would vastly improve because these residents would be able
~~34~~3433 to get the ongoing care they need instead of waiting until a medical emergency upends their lives
~~35~~3534 and further burdens local resources.

3635 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Dane County enthusiastically supports the
3736 Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R. 1384 and S. 1129) and calls on federal legislators to work
3837 toward its immediate re-introduction and enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care
3938 for all residents of the United States.

4039 ~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that support for Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R. 1384 and S.
4140 1129) be incorporated into the Dane County legislative agenda.~~

4241 ~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Dane County's Legislative Lobbyist will advocate for
4342 enactment of the Medicare for All Act of 2019 in her communications with federal officials on
4443 behalf of Dane County.~~

4544 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to President-Elect Joseph
4645 Biden Jr., Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson,
4746 and the Wisconsin Congressional delegation.