

Resolution Supporting Whole Washington State Universal Healthcare Initiative

WHEREAS ,Article 25 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets forth that *“Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control establishes a fundamental right to healthcare”*¹;

WHEREAS ,the United States Declaration of Independence declares the responsibility of government to protect certain unalienable rights which include but are not limited to the preservation of *“Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness”*² we conclude that health care is a prerequisite for the latter, and as such is indeed a human right.

WHEREAS, more than half a million people in our state are uninsured, more are underinsured, and lives could be saved by ensuring access to healthcare³.

WHEREAS recent polls show that a majority of Americans support Medicare for All⁴.

WHEREAS healthcare providers in our state are bound by Physician Oath and Nurse Practice Act to advocate for patients’ best interests and evidence-based care irrespective of financial considerations and third-party restrictions on delivery of said care⁵.

WHEREAS, people of color, people with disabilities, and low-income people are the most likely to lack affordable, comprehensive healthcare⁶.

WHEREAS, Whole Washington will continue to work with the state legislators guaranteeing universal healthcare to all Washingtonians, through a single-payer system, with a funding mechanism devised by a noted economist⁷.

WHEREAS The Universal Health Care Commission will continue to provide an annual report submitted by the HealthCare Authority (HCA) to the Washington State Legislators and Governor as directed in Senate Bill (SB) 5399⁸

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Tacoma endorse Whole Washington, State Universal Healthcare now and all future legislative session starting in 2026 and each year after.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Tacoma Council urges Congress to enact legislation to provide universal, comprehensive health coverage with zero cost-sharing for patients during this affordability crisis and enthusiastically supports the Medicare for All Act of 2025 (H.R. 3069/S. 1506) and

calls on our federal legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States⁹.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Tacoma will provide all groups and current healthcare services, as well as City Lobbyists with contact information to Whole Washington to mobilize voters and collect signatures.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy will be sent to all our State Representatives and Senators and the US House and Senate Representatives and to local media outlets.

Resources:

1. http://www.un.org/en/udhrbook/pdf/udhr_booklet_en_web.pdf
2. [Text of the Declaration of Independence | Declaration Resources Project](#)
3. [Which U.S. Counties Have The Most People Without Health Insurance? - Overflow Data](#)
4. [econTabReport_haeOEK5.pdf](#)
5. [UWSOM-Physicians-Oath.jpg \(2479×3509\)](#)
6. <http://www.epi.umn.edu/let/nutri/disparities/causes.shtm>
7. [Home - Whole Washington](#)
8. <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/universal-health-care-commission-annual-leg-report-2025.pdf>
9. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4406/cosponsors?q=%7B%22cosponsor-state%22%3A%22Washington%22%7D>