2023 Penobscot Referendum Supporting the Creation of a Publicly Funded Health Care Plan for All Maine Residents

WHEREAS, every person in Penobscot deserves health care; and

WHEREAS, our present system is confusing, costly and wasteful, and leaves too many of our residents uninsured or subjected to high medical bills despite being insured; and

WHEREAS, a system which is simple, straightforward, and provides citizens with adequate health care is necessary; and

WHEREAS, eliminating high administrative costs and waste would be beneficial to families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, job losses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic have exposed the limitations of employment-based health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, improving the quality of life for residents in Penobscot by providing the health care they need is desirable.

Be it Resolved that the citizens of Penobscot call on the Maine Legislature to create a publicly funded health care plan that provides every Maine resident with comprehensive medical care.