

Healthcare Resolution

WHEREAS, Our current healthcare system is inequitable, is cost prohibitive, does not adequately cover vulnerable groups, and lacks the flexibility to respond to health emergencies such as COVID (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8); and

WHEREAS, Economic downturns result in the loss of employer-supported insurance, leaving many without healthcare; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act covers many Americans, it remains expensive and is under constant legal threat; and

WHEREAS, Many states are reducing contributions to Medicaid leaving the most vulnerable unprotected;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 46th Legislative District Democrats urge the leadership of the Washington House and Senate, all state legislators, Democratic candidates for Governor and our State delegation to recognize and support universal healthcare as a right; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 46th LD support the efforts of state legislators and the state Health Care Authority to develop specific recommendations to provide universal health care to all Washingtonians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 46th LD support efforts to level the playing field between traditional Medicare and private insurance plans that are threatening healthcare coverage for senior, retired and disabled Washingtonians; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Gov. Inslee, Sen. Valdez, Rep. Pollet, and Rep. Farivar with a copy to the leadership of the Washington House and Senate, state legislators, Washington Health Care Authority, and Democratic candidates for Governor and Insurance Commissioner.

Sponsored by 46th LD members: Kathy Bentson, Julie Conklin, Sylvia Haven, Shane Macomber, Julia Murray, Ronnie Shure, and Doug Mormann

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