

RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF NATIONAL SINGLE-PAYER UNIVERSAL
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE (MEDICARE FOR ALL)

WHEREAS, health care is a right for all individuals, no person should ever face economic ruin and/or loss of healthcare due to costs;

WHEREAS, national single-payer universal comprehensive health care would rein in the ever-rising U.S. Healthcare Expenditure and produce enough cost savings to cover all residents while upgrading benefits;

WHEREAS, in 2020 U.S. Healthcare spending grew by 9.7 percent, reaching \$4.1 trillion or \$12,530 per person, more than twice the national average healthcare spending of the 38 countries comprising the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development;

WHEREAS, national healthcare spending is already consuming 19.6% of GDP and is expected to reach \$6 trillion by 2028, an unsustainable burden;

WHEREAS, under this heavy financial burden over 100 million people experience healthcare related financial distress;

WHEREAS, many people deal with financial distress by delaying care, using less than prescribed amounts of medication, at the risk of developing avoidable and expensive complications which can be debilitating and even fatal, as well as cutting back on food, clothing and other necessities;

WHEREAS, unlike our current system, where high healthcare prices are negotiated privately within the healthcare industry and held as trade secrets, under a single-payer system the government, as the sole payer of healthcare bills, would negotiate lower transparent healthcare prices for the peoples' benefit;

WHEREAS, COVID 19 revealed the inadequacies of our privately insured healthcare system, which fall harder upon underserved marginalized populations, disproportionately employed in essential but low paying positions that provide little or no healthcare insurance;

WHEREAS, expensive healthcare benefits burden employers (the City of Greensboro paid \$44 million in medical, dental and vision benefits in calendar year 2021); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it endorses Medicare for All legislation and calls upon our federal representatives to work toward immediate enactment of a national single-payer health plan that assures comprehensive and quality healthcare for all United States residents, without deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Greensboro requests its Clerk to send copies of this Resolution to U.S. Representative Kathy Manning and U.S. Senators Tom Tillis and Richard Burr.