

Resolution in Support of the Medicare for All Act and The New York Health Act

WHEREAS every person in Mamaroneck deserves high quality health care; and

WHEREAS millions with insurance have coverage so inadequate that a major illness would lead to financial ruin, and medical illness and bills contribute to two-thirds of all bankruptcies; and

WHEREAS many people delay seeking needed health care due to an inability to pay, leading to a sicker and poorer population in the long run; and

WHEREAS The Village of Mamaroneck's uninsured rate is 9.1% of residents according to the US census; and

WHEREAS many neighbors and residents are forced to depend on the gracious charity of doctors, like Dr. Kevin Maloney who runs St. Rita's Free Medical Clinic; and

WHEREAS, rationing healthcare according to ability to pay has diminished the overall health of our citizens to the point that the United States ranks last among industrialized nations in health outcomes and as many as 30,000 people in the United States die each year due to inadequate health care; and

WHEREAS managed care and other market-based reforms have failed to contain health care costs, which threaten the international competitiveness of U.S. businesses; and

WHEREAS Medicare for All (H.R. 1976 and S. 4204) and The New York Health Act (A. 6058/S. 5474) would provide national health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; and long-term care; and

WHEREAS Medicare for All would provide coverage without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship and assure patients a free choice of doctors; and

WHEREAS numerous academic studies have concluded that the administrative savings under a single-payer, Medicare for All system would be enough to cover the currently uninsured and improve coverage for all those who now have only partial coverage; and

WHEREAS entrusting care to profit-oriented firms diverts billions of dollars to outrageous incomes for CEOs and threatens the quality of care; and

WHEREAS the quality of life for the residents of the Village of Mamaroneck will vastly improve because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, instead of waiting until they have a medical emergency that could upend their lives as well as further burden local resources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Mamaroneck enthusiastically supports the Medicare for All Act (H.R. 1976 and S. 4204) and calls on our federal legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Mamaroneck expresses its enthusiastic support for The New York Health Act (A. 6058/S. 5474) and calls upon our state legislators to work toward its immediate enactment.