

Resolution Supporting

Whole Washington State Universal Healthcare Initiative (I-1600)

Passed by 42nd Legislative District Democrats on April 14th, 2018

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 healthcare¹”;

WHEREAS a foundational document of the Constitution of the United States 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” 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 healthcare;

WHEREAS the 2016 platform of the Washington State Democratic Party affirms that “Health care is a basic human right,” and that “Government should work to improve our overall health, while assuring access to high-quality, affordable care for everyone²” and;

WHEREAS the 2016 State Democratic Party Platform specifically resolves that we must establish:

“An affordable universal single-payer system to provide the most equitable and effective health care, serving both individual and public health needs;”

WHEREAS a single-payer resolution was adopted by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee in April of 2017³;

WHEREAS people of color, people with disabilities, and low income people are the most likely to lack affordable, comprehensive healthcare⁴;

WHEREAS Whole Washington has crafted a ballot initiative (5) guaranteeing universal healthcare to all Washingtonians, with a funding mechanism devised by a noted economist, which demonstrates that Washington state residents will save over \$9 billion dollars annually when universal healthcare is implemented;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 42nd Legislative District Democrats support Whole Washington state universal healthcare Initiative I-1600;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 42nd Legislative District Democrats will help to mobilize voters and collect signatures;

1. http://www.un.org/en/udhrbook/pdf/udhr_booklet_en_web.pdf
2. <http://www.wa-democrats.org/sites/wadems/files/documents/Washington%20State%20Democrats%20-%20Platform%20-%2020160618.pdf>
3. <https://www.wa-democrats.org/sites/wadems/files/resolutions/WSDCCRES%20-%2020817%20-%2020170422%20-%20PASS%20-%20HEA%20-%20Single%20Payer.pdf>
4. <http://www.epi.umn.edu/let/nutri/disparities/causes.shtm>
5. <http://www.wholewashington.org/faqs>

Submitted by Erin Dewey, PCO 140, 42nd Legislative District Democrats on February 27th, 2018. The Executive Board reviewed and recommended the resolution be brought to the membership for further discussion, a 1st and 2nd reading. The first reading of this Resolution was at the regularly held March 10th membership meeting. The second reading of this Resolution was brought to the membership of the 42nd Legislative District Democrats on April 14th, 2018, at which time membership voted to pass this resolution.

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