

RESOLUTION OF THE _____ DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE
ENDORING THE HEALTHCARE4EVERY1 CAMPAIGN AND ENCOURAGING THE
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING
ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS.

Whereas, the United States has the most expensive health care system in the world in terms of absolute costs, per capita costs, and percentage of gross domestic product (GDP); and

Whereas, despite being first in spending, the World Health Organization has ranked the United States 37th among all nations in terms of meeting the needs of its people; and

Whereas, approximately one out of every ten Connecticut residents – an estimated 356,000 people – is uninsured and, with such, Connecticut has a higher rate of uninsurance than any other state in New England; and

Whereas, health care costs continue to increase, jeopardizing the health security of working families and small businesses;

Whereas, medical debt is the number one cause of bankruptcy in Connecticut; and

Whereas, racial, income, and ethnic disparities in access to care threaten communities of color across Connecticut and

Whereas, Connecticut residents need and deserve access to quality health care regardless of income or social status; and

Whereas, the Connecticut General Assembly is currently considering numerous proposals regarding expanded health care access for Connecticut residents which will directly impact both the duration and quality of life of Connecticut residents; and

Whereas, there is nothing more powerful we can do to create jobs, to secure the well being of our most vulnerable families, and to save taxpayers money than to accomplish universal health care here in Connecticut this year; and

Whereas, **healthcare4every1** is a statewide advocacy campaign whose goal is to organize an active, vibrant and diverse network of concerned residents and organizations in order to build public and political support to achieve universal health care in Connecticut,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the _____ Democratic Town Committee encourages the Connecticut General Assembly to enact legislation that provides access to comprehensive health care for all Connecticut residents; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the _____ Democratic Town Committee endorses the **healthcare4every1** campaign and, in doing so, agree with the Institute of Medicine's principles for universal health care:

- Health care coverage should be universal — it should cover everyone.
- Health care coverage should be continuous, portable from job to job, and between employed and unemployed status.
- Health care coverage should be affordable, especially to low-income individuals and families.
- The health insurance strategy should be affordable and sustainable for society.
- Health insurance should enhance health and well-being by promoting access to high-quality care that is effective, efficient, safe, timely, patient-centered and equitable.

We further agree:

- To have our organization's name listed on the **healthcare4every1.org** Web site.
- To have the Foundation publicize this endorsement; and

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Connecticut General Assembly.