

RESOLUTION

Category: Human Rights/Social Welfare

Title of Resolution: Adoption of a Universal, Single Payer, Federal Health Plan Based on Medicare

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Adopted by: Leelanau County Democratic Party,

WHEREAS: Representative John Conyers, Jr. (MI-14) has introduced H. Res. 676, "United States National Health Insurance Act (or the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act)", a Bill to expand Medicare to the benefit of all citizens, and

WHEREAS: There are millions of our citizens, particularly workers, children and the poor who have no access to regular health care or are forced to use high cost emergency services, and

WHEREAS: Almost all Western countries have established universal, single-payer health systems and have found they are cost-effective and promote better health than the current systems in this country, and

WHEREAS: Analyses of the costs for such a system have repeatedly shown that the adoption of such a system would result in lower costs and complete coverage of all the citizens of our country, and

WHEREAS: The Medicare and Veterans health care systems have demonstrated that these systems could be extended to all the people and be used as a framework for an efficient and workable system, and

WHEREAS: The cost of medical care is increasing at an unsustainable rate and also is seriously inhibiting the development of all business, small and large, to the growing costliness and rejection of American products in the world market, and

WHEREAS: The performance of the American health care system is producing poorer results in the preservation of the health of our citizens than almost all Western systems,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Democratic Party immediately begin the development of a universal, federal, single-payer system of health care such as H. Res 676, which would protect and cover all citizens of all ages. This system will be based on the present Medicare system which demonstrates efficient and affordable health care for our senior citizens, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, THAT the present Medicare Drug system be changed to require that this system be authorized and required to negotiate low cost drugs with all drug manufacturers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT this resolution be forwarded to the State Democratic Party with a recommendation for its acceptance and placement in the appropriate document or with appropriate committee for action.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE _____