

**THE CITY OF FREDERICK
RESOLUTION NO: 23-13**

A RESOLUTION concerning Medicare for All

BACKGROUND

High quality health care is a human right. Almost 30 million Americans are uninsured, including approximately 356 thousand Marylanders. Among working adults, approximately 29% with employer coverage and approximately 44% of those with coverage purchased through the individual market were underinsured in 2022 – i.e., they had an insurance policy that did not provide adequate coverage, or they had gaps in coverage during the year. Millions of Americans with insurance have coverage so inadequate that a major illness can lead to financial ruin; medical illness and bills contribute to two-thirds of all US bankruptcies. The City of Frederick has declared racism to be a public health emergency; and three quarters of uninsured adults in Maryland are people of color.

“Medicare for All” refers to a collection of legislative proposals that aim to expand Medicare into a federal single-payer system that provides health care to all Americans. Ideally, Medicare for All would provide full coverage without premiums, copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship, and ensure patients a free choice of doctors. Approximately 69% of Americans support Medicare for All, and hundreds of Frederick area residents have signed petitions in support thereof. Past Medicare for All bills have been co-sponsored by Representatives Sarbanes, Raskin, and Mfume, as well as former Congressman Brown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Frederick enthusiastically supports Medicare for All and calls on our federal legislators to work toward enactment of Medicare for All, as described in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives Medicare for All Acts of 2023, insuring comprehensive health care for all Americans;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Frederick expresses its support for state-level single payer legislation and calls on our state legislators to work toward legislation to guarantee the same comprehensive healthcare coverage to all Maryland residents, whether through federal or state legislative action;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to Representative David Trone, Senator Ben Cardin, Senator Chris Van Hollen, Senator Karen Lewis Young, and Delegates Ken Kerr, Kris Fair, and Karen Simpson.


ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2023.

WITNESS:




_____ **Michael C. O'Connor, Mayor**

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:


_____ **City Attorney**