

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 214

EFFECTIVE May 14, 2023

WHEREAS, According to a National Health Statistics Report, there are 31.6 million people of all ages that were uninsured in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Despite spending approximately 19 percent of gross domestic product on healthcare, the United States has worse health outcomes when compared with other developed countries in the areas of maternal mortality, infant mortality, life expectancy, diabetes, heart disease, and preventable deaths; and

WHEREAS, Medicare has been the most financially efficient healthcare system in the United States with administrative costs averaging only 2 percent of program outlays versus 13 percent for private insurance; and

WHEREAS, A healthcare system with high costs and poor outcomes undermines our economy and threatens our long-term fiscal and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, Medicare for All would provide a path toward a single, unified, comprehensive national health program that calls for the elimination of premiums, copays, and deductibles for medical coverage as well as a jobs program for insurance industry employees affected by the transition to single-payer healthcare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby urge the Governor of Rhode Island, our state and federal legislators to actively support legislation such as the Medicare for All Act of 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby advocates for Medicare for All and supports steps towards ensuring the continued care of Rhode Island residents.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 04 2023
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk