

Resolution Supporting Equitable Health Care for All Maine Residents

Whereas every person in Brunswick deserves health care to include all forms of care including but not limited to, medical care, mental health care, dental care, behavioral health care, vision care, and hearing care; and

Whereas the current health care system in the United States and in Maine is unsustainable and does not provide for the common good of all Brunswick residents; and

Whereas the current health system in the United States and in Maine is complex and confusing and provides residents of Brunswick with inadequate healthcare coverage or no coverage at all; and

Whereas the increasing and increasingly unstable cost of prescription medications continues to force families to choose to between medicine, food, heat, shelter and more; and

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated how integral the health of the entire population is to the basic functioning of society; and

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the inability of the predominant employer-based health insurance system to adequately serve the public during a major economic disaster; and

Whereas the predominant employer-based health insurance system forces the town of Brunswick and property taxpayers to keep up with the rising costs of municipal and school employee health care plans; and

Whereas the predominant employer-based health care system shrinks the amount of money available for pay increases, retirement benefits and proper staffing levels in local government and in our school system; and

Whereas eliminating high administrative costs and waste would be beneficial to a wide range of Brunswick families and businesses; and

Whereas a system which is simple, straightforward and provides citizens with adequate health care is necessary; and

Whereas improving the quality of life and the health of family budgets for residents of Brunswick is desirable;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of Brunswick that,

Brunswick strongly urges both the Maine Legislature and Congress to design and implement an equitable health care plan that provides every Maine resident with comprehensive medical care from birth to death.