



## Town of Orono

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF AN EQUITABLE HEALTHCARE PLAN FOR ALL MAINE RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, access to affordable, high-quality healthcare is a basic human right that should not be dependent upon ability to pay or the employment one holds; and

WHEREAS, nearly a decade ago, the World Health Organization (WHO) passed a resolution urging governments around the globe to move towards providing all people with access to affordable, quality healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, the United States remains the single country of the thirty-three developed countries without guaranteed access to affordable healthcare services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has the ability to implement a system that is simple, straightforward, and provides citizens with adequate healthcare; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the high administrative costs and waste would be beneficial to families in our state, including those in Orono; and

WHEREAS, the current global pandemic and related job losses highlight the inequity of the current standard of accessing quality healthcare through employment; and

WHEREAS, developing and deploying this system of equitable and affordable access to adequate healthcare is beyond the scope of the Town of Orono's available resources.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE ORONO TOWN COUNCIL requests that the Maine Legislature create an equitable healthcare plan that provides every Maine resident with comprehensive medical care from birth to death.

Signed on behalf of the duly elected Orono Town Council by virtue of the passage of Council Order #20-181 on Monday, October 19, 2020:

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Cynthia M. Mehnert  
Town Council Chairperson