



Bar Harbor Town Council

Resolve Supporting Equitable Health Care for All Maine Residents

Whereas, every person in Bar Harbor deserves comprehensive health care to include, 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 Bar Harbor residents; and

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

Whereas, the increasing and unstable cost of prescription medications forces families to choose 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 Bar Harbor 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 Bar Harbor families and businesses; and

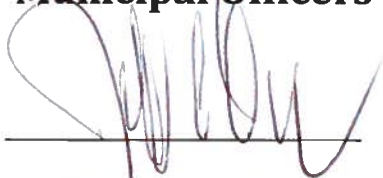
Whereas, improving the quality of life, health and family budgets for residents of Bar Harbor is desirable;

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

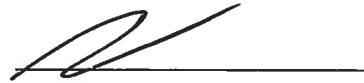
Now therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of Bar Harbor that, Bar Harbor strongly urges the Maine Legislature to design and implement an equitable health care plan that provides every Maine resident with comprehensive health care from birth to death, or supports legislation such as LD1045 that promotes these goals.

Given under our hands and seal at Bar Harbor this Twentieth Day of April 2021.

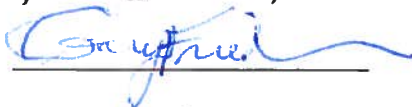
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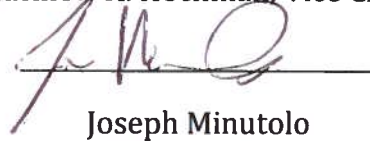
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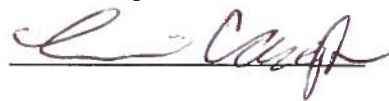
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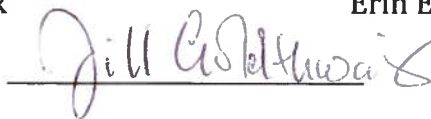
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