

## Resolution Supporting Equitable Health Care for All Maine Residents

WHEREAS, every person in Surry 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 Maine is complex and confusing, costly, wasteful, and leaves too many Surry residents un- or under-insured or subjected to high medical bills despite being insured; and

WHEREAS, the increasingly unstable cost of prescription medications continues to force families to choose between medicine and basic human needs; 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 a predominant employer-based health insurance system to adequately serve the public during a major economic disaster; and

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

WHEREAS, eliminating high administrative costs and waste would be beneficial to families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, improving the quality of life for residents in Surry by providing the health care they need is desirable,

Be it Resolved by the Select Board of the Town of Surry that,

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

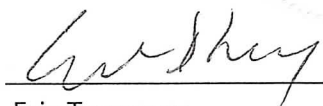
Signed by the Surry Board of Selectpersons:



William I. Matlock



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