

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED  
BY LEGISLATOR BURKE**

**RE:   Voicing Support for Bill H.R.676 “The United States National Health Care Act”  
in the House of Representatives and Adjoining Bill S.1804 in the Senate**

**WHEREAS**, 28.1 million Americans lacked health insurance in 2016, proposals to repeal the Affordable Care Act have been estimated to increase that number to 51 million and 49 million in the House and Senate respectively. In 2009 the American Journal of Public Health reported that nearly 45,000 Americans die each year as a direct result of being uninsured; and

**WHEREAS**, underinsurance is growing as many patients are forced into insurance plans with high-deductibles over \$1,000 and narrow networks of providers. These underinsured Americans are often unable to cover medical expenses and will forgo medical treatment as a result. Within the population of uninsured Americans, significant disparities exist across income, race, and ethnic lines; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States bears the cost of these uninsured, paying twice as much per capita on health care as the average wealthy nations that provide universal coverage. The negative effects of this are shown in the United States currently being ranked 37<sup>th</sup> in the World Health Organization’s Worlds Health Systems Rankings. This displays a wide discrepancy between the United States and other developed nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. could save over \$380 billion annually on administrative costs with a single-payer system reducing cost and increasing coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the concept of health care as a right goes back to 1948 in Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Using Medicare as a single payer system would ensure that health care coverage would be universal, continuous, affordable to individuals and families, and affordable and sustainable for society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body stand together to show its unified support in advocacy for the passage of Bills H.R.676 and S.1804 to provide health care to all Americans and prevent them from being in a state of fear; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to President Donald J. Trump, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), the Western New York Congressional Delegation, and to other parties deemed necessary and proper.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Positive for middle class Americans, tax increases for upper income earners.