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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bender	X			
Jenkins	X			
Johnson				X
Gordon	X			
Reich	X			
Fletcher	X			
Cunningham	X			
Ellison	X			
Warsame	X			
Goodman	X			
Cano	X			
Schroeder	X			
Palmisano	X			

MAYOR ACTION

APPROVED

VETOED



 MAYOR
 MAY 22 2019

 DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST



 CITY CLERK

Presented to Mayor: MAY 17 2019

Received from Mayor: MAY 22 2019

Supporting the passage of the Medicare for All Act of 2019.

Whereas, the United States paid in 2017 approximately 3.5 trillion dollars in total healthcare spending, an increase of 3.9 percent over the previous year; and

Whereas, the spending per person of approximately 10,200 dollars is the highest healthcare per capita spending rate in the world; and

Whereas, despite spending approximately 19 percent of gross domestic product on healthcare, the United States has worse health outcomes when compared with other developed countries in the areas of maternal mortality, infant mortality, life expectancy, diabetes, heart disease, and preventable deaths; and

Whereas, although the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has resulted in dramatic increases in residents having health insurance coverage since its passage in 2010; and

Whereas, the 14 states not participating in ACA-authorized Medicaid expansion perpetuate non-coverage for low-income individuals; and

Whereas, too many Americans are one medical crisis away from bankruptcy, or are forced to choose between rent and life-saving medical treatments; and

Whereas, Medicare has been the most financially efficient health care system in the United States with administrative costs averaging only 2 percent of program outlays versus 13 percent for private insurance; and

Whereas, the current Administration has adopted policies that have forced many people to lose insurance, resulting in the first increase of the uninsured since the passage of the ACA; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is dedicated to becoming a city that serves and promotes the needs of our youth, and Minneapolis Public Schools through school-based clinics, which work to ensure a school environment that promotes and supports student achievement, health and well-being; and

Whereas, the creation of a single-payer universal Medicare program would cover all American residents, including the estimated twenty-eight million (28,000,000) individuals who currently do not have insurance coverage;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby concur that it is the duty & responsibility of the federal government and our elected officials to pass the Medicare for all Act of 2019 to:

1. Eliminate copays, premiums, deductibles and other cost sharing that prevents residents from getting the healthcare services they need.
2. Ensure that every resident of the United States has complete freedom to choose their doctors and hospitals, and has access to comprehensive, quality healthcare, including all primary care, hospital and outpatient services, prescription drugs, dental, vision, audiology, women's reproductive health services, maternity and newborn care, long-term services and supports, mental health and substance abuse treatment, laboratory and diagnostic services, ambulatory services, and more.
3. Ensure that long-term services and supports for persons with disabilities and seniors are fully covered and provided through home and community-based services unless the individual chooses otherwise.
4. Bring down the cost of prescription drugs by allowing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for lower prescription drug costs and to provide a compulsory license to a generic manufacturer if the company will not negotiate in good faith.

5. Preserve the ability for veterans to receive their healthcare through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the ability for Native Americans and Indigenous people to receive their health benefits through the Indian Health Service.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and City Council will advocate for Medicare for all, and support steps towards ensuring the continued care of the residents of Minneapolis, and the United States.