

Multnomah Grange #71  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, there are many factors that contribute to good health, including the ability to receive counseling and care to prevent and treat sickness, disease, and injury; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a healthy life depends on the ability to access health care; and

WHEREAS, the continued rising cost of health care is creating difficulties for government, businesses, and individuals; and

WHEREAS, a publicly funded universal health care system can help businesses and government employers by reducing costs for those that currently provide employee health insurance, and help individuals by disconnecting health care from employment; and

WHEREAS, the access to health care by all members of a community greatly reduces the risk of contagious diseases, significantly reduces absenteeism for business, while simultaneously increasing the quality of life for the whole community; and

WHEREAS, Oregon law, in ORS, 414.018 states, "it is the intention of the Legislative Assembly to achieve the goals of universal access to an adequate level of high quality health care at an affordable cost"; and

WHEREAS the RAND Corporation study, authorized by Oregon HB 3260 in 2013 and reported to the Oregon Legislature in 2017 shows that single payer financing would adequately fund health care for all Oregonians for essentially the same cost as Oregon pays now through a combination of both private and public insurances plus out of pocket spending, but only covers a portion of our population; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon Health & Science University, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Oregon Public Health Association, Main Street Alliance of Oregon, Health Care for All Oregon, and the Oregon Health Authority all supported HB 3260 in 2013, indicating that there is broad support for this approach to improving health care for Oregonians; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Multnomah Grange #71 calls on the Oregon Legislature to create a transparent public process to ensure all Oregon residents have timely access to equitable, comprehensive, high quality, and affordable health care.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Bill Dodds, Master                      Date                      Sara Eck, Secretary                      Date