

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
S1804 (THE MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2017)

AND

HR676 (THE EXPANDED AND IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT)

WHEREAS the San Juan County Democrats believe that health care is a basic human right and not a privilege for those who can afford it, and

WHEREAS the San Juan County Democratic Platform states that “We support a single payer health care system for all Americans”, and

WHEREAS S1804, The Medicare for All Act of 2017, was introduced in the United States Senate on September 13, 2017 and would provide universal health care for all Americans, paid for out of a Federal Medicare for All Trust Fund, and

WHEREAS among the presently proposed methods of funding Medicare for All are a 7.5% payroll tax on employers, a 4% individual income tax, higher taxes on wealthier Americans, a one-time tax on corporate profits held overseas, a tax on large financial institutions, and the ending of the ability of employers to deduct health care premiums, and

WHEREAS S1804 is co-sponsored by sixteen (16) United States Senators, including Senators Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, Jeff Merkley, Al Franken, And Bernie Sanders, but not including either of Washington’s Senators, Patty Murray or Maria Cantrell, and

WHEREAS HR676, The Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act, was introduced in the United States House of Representative on January 24, 2017, with provisions essentially the same as S1804 and is co-sponsored by one hundred twenty (120) United States Representatives, but not including our own Congressional District Representative, Rick Larsen,

WHEREAS, until Medicare for All, as described above, becomes law, millions of Americans will continue to depend upon the Affordable Care Act to open the door to the health care they need,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the San Juan County Democratic Party supports the adoption of both S1804 and HR676 and encourages Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantrell and Representative Rick Larsen to immediately sign on as co-sponsors of those bills and to work actively for their passage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party ought to immediately announce its support of S1804 and HR676 and ought to encourage Washington’s U.S. Senators and all of Washington’s U.S. Representatives to immediately sign on as co-sponsors of these bills and to work actively for their passage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Juan County Democratic Party encourages both of our Senators, all of this state's Congresspersons, and the Washington State Democratic Party, to work tirelessly to preserve the Affordable Care Act intact until such time as a Medicare for All Act shall become law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the San Juan County Democratic Party is instructed to forward this Resolution to Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantrell, Representative Rick Larsen, and to the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party, with appropriate cover letters.

ADOPTED BY THE SAJ JUAN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON OCTOBER 14, 2017.