

**Resolution calling on the State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign A.5248/S.3577, legislation that would establish the New York Health program, a universal single payer health plan for all New York State residents.**

Whereas, New Yorkers have experienced a rapid rise in the cost of health care and coverage in recent years; and

Whereas, this increase has resulted in a large number of people without health coverage or with reduced coverage; and

Whereas, despite the more than 4.3 million people acquiring coverage through the New York Health Plan Marketplace as of February 2018, an unacceptable number of New Yorkers have no health coverage, and many more are severely under-insured; and

Whereas, A.5248/S.3577, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Gottfried and Senator Gustavo Rivera, would create a universal single payer health plan called New York Health to provide comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers; and

Whereas, every New York resident would be eligible to enroll, regardless of age, income, wealth, employment or other status; and

Whereas, under New York Health, coverage would be publicly funded and there would be no premiums, deductibles, or co-payments; and

Whereas, the benefits of the New York Health program would include comprehensive outpatient and inpatient medical care, primary and preventive care, prescription drugs, laboratory tests, rehabilitative, dental, vision and hearing; and

Whereas, the single-payer New York Health plan would drastically increase access to health care and improve health outcomes for residents in New York; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Four Freedoms Democratic Club calls on the State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign A.5248/S.3577, legislation that would establish the New York Health program, a universal single payer health plan for all New York State Residents.