

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE A MEDICARE FOR ALL PLAN: TO PROVIDE
UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE FOR EVERY AMERICAN**

- *Passed unanimously by the Healthcare working group on May 16, 2017*
 - *Passed with amendments by the Issues Committee on May 23, 2017*
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WHEREAS, the fundamental right of all Americans to decent and affordable healthcare has been placed at risk by the action of the United States House of Representatives on May 4, 2017 in passing H.R. 1628, a bill so-named as the “American Health Care Act”; AND

WHEREAS, H.R. 1628 passed by a razor-thin margin of 217 to 213, with no Democratic support; AND

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2017, the Congressional Budget Office issued an analysis of the so-called “American Health Care Act” that indicated that, if this bill passes, 23 million fewer people will have health insurance by 2026 than would be insured under the now-existing Affordable Care Act; AND

WHEREAS the enactment of the American Health Care Act into law, or any effort now espoused by the Republican Party to repeal, or to significantly undermine, the Affordable Care Act would endanger the lives of these 23 million Americans, and possibly more, would lose their healthcare coverage; AND

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee stands strongly in support of the fundamental right of all Americans to decent and affordable healthcare; AND

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee further believes that continued efforts should be made, in the current Congress, to improve access to the private insurance market for all Americans who desire such access, regardless of their means or other factors such as pre-existing conditions; AND

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee also believes that, ultimately, a Medicare for All universal healthcare plan is the surest means of ensuring the fundamental right to decent and affordable healthcare, and urges all Members of Congress, and candidates for Congress, to support this belief, and to work toward the day when such a plan can be enacted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee vigorously opposes the American Healthcare Act and any other effort now espoused by the Republican Party to repeal, or to significantly undermine, the Affordable Care Act; AND

THAT the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Party asks all Miami-Dade Members of Congress to defend the Affordable Care Act from these Republican efforts; AND

THAT the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Party asks all Miami-Dade Members of Congress also to work, in the current Congress, to improve access to the private insurance market for all Americans who desire such access, regardless of their means or other factors such as pre-existing conditions; AND

THAT the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee asks all Miami-Dade Members of Congress and candidates to support and endorse the idea of a Medicare for All plan in Congress and in their campaigns, and to work toward the day when such a plan can be enacted; AND

THAT the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee asks all Miami-Dade members of the Florida Democratic State Party Executive Committee and State Central Committee to bring forth a similar resolution at the next Florida Democratic Party meeting; AND

THAT the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee asks all Miami-Dade members of the Democratic National Committee to bring forth a similar resolution at the next Democratic National Committee meeting.