Whereas, the New York Health Act (“NYHA”) establishes the New York Health program, a comprehensive system of access to health insurance for all New York state residents;

Whereas, NYHA provides universal health care coverage with no limitations to selection of health care providers;

Whereas, NYHA would eliminate deductibles and co-pays, and all health care costs would be covered by a payroll tax similar to Medicare and a tax on non-payroll premiums, such as interest, dividends, and capital gains;

Whereas, the NYHA is estimated to save upwards of $45 billion for New Yorkers by eliminating current administrative costs and by providing lower cost health care coverage for 98% of residents;

Whereas, access to affordable health care coverage will significantly decrease with the repeal of the Affordable Care Act;

Whereas, the NYHA has passed the New York State Assembly twice, in 2015 and 2016; and

Whereas, the NYHA has not passed the New York State Senate: Now, Therefore Be It

*Resolved that The City of Buffalo Common Council*-

1) finds universal health care coverage is needed for Buffalo and New York residents;

2) supports the passage of the New York Health Act;

3) request a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Flanagan, Speaker Heastie, Senator Klein, Senator Hannon, Senator Rivera, Senator Kennedy, Senator Jacobs, Assemblymember Schimminger, Assemblymember Kearns, Assemblymember Peoples-Stokes, and Assemblymember Ryan.