Resolution 2021-6 In Support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021, H.R. 1976
adopted June 17, 2021

WHEREAS the United States, the wealthiest country in the world, has worse health outcomes than the other 36 industrialized nations (according to the World Health Organization), with higher infant mortality, higher maternal mortality, and more avoidable deaths, yet costs more than twice as much per capita as in those other countries which provide every member of their population with healthcare; and

WHEREAS physician groups attribute high burnout rates to the administrative time/cost burden of fighting with thousands of private insurance companies for care their patients need, and more than 40% of personal bankruptcies are due to medical costs, with a third of patients not filling prescriptions due to cost, and businesses describing healthcare costs as the single most inefficient line item in their cost structure damaging their ability to compete internationally; and

WHEREAS employer-based insurance amplifies egregious health inequities in the United States (as Martin Luther King, Jr. noted, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane."), leaving nearly 100 million Americans uninsured or underinsured;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee supports H.R. 1976, calling upon Congress to rectify this untenable patchwork of absurd, immoral, expensive healthcare by adopting a single payer universal healthcare system, to improve care, save costs, and increase access; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (sponsor), Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (sponsor), Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo,Congresswoman Jackie Speier (thanking her for co-sponsoring H.R. 1976), Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joseph Biden.

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