

A Revision of the Resolution
Supporting Health Care for All Oregonians (HCAO)

(A) WHEREAS, Article III in the Democratic Party of Washington County platform states: “Washington County Democrats believe that healthcare is a human right” and “We support the adoption of a publicly funded, equitable, high-quality, comprehensive single-payer health care system that includes general, preventative, and emergency care plus vision, dental, hearing, and mental health services at the state and/or federal level”;

(B) WHEREAS, the 4th Legislative Action Item(LAI) of the Democratic Party of Washington County states “Implement a single payer healthcare system for the state of Oregon;

(C) WHEREAS, a statewide coalition, Health Care for All Oregonians (HCAO) is working toward health care as a basic human right and to create a comprehensive single payer system in Oregon to secure that right;

(D) WHEREAS, accessibility to adequate basic health care is essential to living a healthy life and adequately responding to illness, disease and injury;

(E) WHEREAS, access to basic health care should be available to all Oregonians regardless of their economic condition;

(F) WHEREAS, uncontrolled health care costs are a primary cause of personal bankruptcies, even among those that are insured;

(G) WHEREAS, the current private insurance system has shown itself to be inefficient, very costly, inequitable, and incapable of covering people with the greatest needs;

(H) WHEREAS, market projections indicate that single payer basic health care insurance for all Oregonians is estimated to cost no more than the current system of incomplete and limited coverage;

(I) WHEREAS, the current platform of the Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) Article 6 asserts that ...”health care is a fundamental human right”, and supports creation of a “single payer health care system”; and

(J) WHEREAS, the DPO Priority Legislative Action Item number 1 is “As health care is a human right, adopt an equitable, high-quality, comprehensive, universal, publicly funded health care system including general, preventative, and emergency care, plus vision, dental, hearing, prescription drugs, long-term care, substance abuse, hospice care, and mental health services at the state or federal level:

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Democratic Party of Washington County:

1. Strongly supports the goals of the HCAO as consistent with party objectives;

2. Will become a member in the HCAO coalition, and publicly endorse the coalition;
3. Encourages all Democratic Party members to actively support the HCAO through membership, contributions, and/or activism;
4. Encourages Party members to discuss health care issues, Democratic Party of Washington County platform positions and LAIs, DPO platform positions and LAIs, and HCAO goals and objectives when canvassing or at forums;
5. Will take every reasonable opportunity to publicize their support for the HCAO goals in local media; and
6. Will provide a copy of this resolution to the state party and other Oregon county parties with the recommendation that they adopt it."

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