

North Sound DSA Resolution Supporting Whole Washington Health Trust

WHEREAS Article 25 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets forth that “Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control” establishes a fundamental right to healthcare¹;

WHEREAS, in the Declaration of Independence, a foundational document of the Constitution of the United States, declares the responsibility of government to protect certain unalienable rights which include but are not limited to the preservation of “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness” we conclude that healthcare is a prerequisite for the latter, and as such is indeed a human right;

WHEREAS in Washington State, 498,000 have no health coverage and even more residents are underinsured, and lives could be saved by ensuring access to healthcare;

WHEREAS COVID-19 demonstrates that healthcare should not be tied to employment;

WHEREAS people of color, people with disabilities, and low income people are the most likely to lack affordable, comprehensive healthcare²;

WHEREAS Whole Washington has crafted a bill³ (SB 5204), introduced by Senator Hasegawa and 6 other cosponsors, guaranteeing universal healthcare to all Washingtonians, with a funding mechanism devised by a noted economist, reviewed by the Department of Revenue and the Employment Securities Department, which demonstrates that Washington state residents will save billions of dollars annually when universal healthcare is implemented;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the North Sound DSA endorse the Whole Washington universal healthcare bill.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the North Sound DSA supports the implementation of a full, universal healthcare in Washington State and on the federal level.

1. http://www.un.org/en/udhrbook/pdf/udhr_booklet_en_web.pdf
2. <http://www.epi.umn.edu/let/nutri/disparities/causes.shtm>
3. <http://www.wholewashington.org/faqs>