RESOLUTION NO. 42

National Health Security

Whereas: The expense for securing adequate health care is beyond the means of many Americans and is a serious financial hardship to practically all Americans, and

Whereas: The United States lags behind other developed nations in the quality, effectiveness, and availability of health services, and

Whereas: Our present system of funding and delivering health services is structured for the convenience and profit of hospitals, physicians, and insurance companies rather than for the efficient treatment of Americans needing health care, and

Whereas: Only one of the several bills now before the U.S. Congress exemplifies our conviction that quality health care is one of the basic rights of all citizens in a just society, and that such health care should be available to Americans not on the basis of their wealth, but on the basis of their need for it; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Massachusetts State Labor Council supports the principles exemplified in the Health Security Act (S3, HR 22), also known as the Griffiths-Corman Act, and urges its adoption by Congress as the only bill before it that provides comprehensive health security for all Americans; and be it further

Resolved: That the President of the Massachusetts State Labor Council shall communicate our position to the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; and be it finally

Resolved: That the Massachusetts State Labor Council shall join with the AFL-CIO, and the National Committee of 100 for National Health Insurance, in order to educate the public and to promote the passage of national health care legislation.

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