

RESOLUTION OF THE CAROLINE TOWN BOARD SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT OF A UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE SYSTEM AS PROPOSED IN THE NEW YORK HEALTH ACT

WHEREAS, the New York Health Act (NYHA) establishes the New York Health program, a comprehensive system of access to health coverage for all New York State residents; and

WHEREAS, the NYHA would provide universal health coverage with no limitations to selection of health care providers; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the 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; and

WHEREAS, the NYHA has support from a broad range of professional organizations within the health care sector, organized labor and community and good government groups; and

WHEREAS, the NYHA has passed the New York State Assembly every year since 2015, including in 2018, but has not yet passed the New York State Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caroline Town Board finds universal health care coverage is needed for the residents of the Town of Caroline and all New Yorkers; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caroline Town Board supports the passage of the New York Health Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Flanagan, Democratic Conference Leader Senator Stewart-Cousins, Speaker of the Assembly Heastie, Republican Leader Assemblymember Kolb, Senator Seward, Assemblymember Lifton.