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CITY OF BOSTON

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MASSACHUSETTS SENATE BILL NO. 683-AN ACT ESTABLISHING MEDICARE FOR ALL IN MASSACHUSETTS

- WHEREAS,** State Senator James Eldridge sponsored Senate Bill No. 683, to establish a single payer healthcare system in Massachusetts; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There are still many Massachusetts residents without health insurance with recent reports finding that 20,000 children in the Commonwealth are uninsured, a .5% increase from the prior year; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Establishing a single payer health care system would allow doctors and patients to make healthcare decisions primarily based on the needs of the patients and also allow patients to access doctors and hospitals without paying premiums or co-pays; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The many benefits of Medicare for All would include: affording everyone in the Commonwealth with medical care, remove millions of dollars in overhead costs, and give greater leverage to patients; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This body previously went on record in support of the single payer healthcare system in 2001; *and*
- WHEREAS,** With the current federal administration reducing healthcare programs, it is important for the City Council to support the state senate bill to establish a single payer healthcare system; ***THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED,** That the members of the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby proclaim their support for Massachusetts Senate Bill No. 683-An Act Establishing Medicare for All in Massachusetts, and urge our colleagues in the Massachusetts State Legislature to pass this bill in the current legislative session.

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