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2 **Medicare for All** - For the purpose of expressing support for Medicare for All, including
3 expansion of the Medicare for All Act of 2021, H.R. 1976, 117th Cong. (2021-2022); supporting
4 comprehensive healthcare to all U.S. residents; and expressing support for the establishment of a
5 Maryland Commission on Universal Health Care.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 21-21**

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12 **Introduced by: Alderman Savidge**
13 **Co-sponsored by:**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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17 **Medicare for All**

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19 **FOR** the purpose of expressing support for Medicare for All, including expansion of the
20 Medicare for All Act of 2021, H.R. 1976, 117th Cong. (2021-2022); supporting
21 comprehensive healthcare to all U.S. residents; and expressing support for the
22 establishment of a Maryland Commission on Universal Health Care.

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25 **WHEREAS**, the number of Americans without health insurance is still nearly 30 million, while
26 more than 40 million Americans remain underinsured, despite important gains
27 made since the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
28 of 2010; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, every person in Annapolis deserves high quality health care; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the never-ending rising costs of health care add challenges to our already strapped
33 municipal budget and our small businesses, which keep our communities thriving;
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36 **WHEREAS**, the Medicare for All Act of 2021 would provide national health insurance for every
37 person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription
38 drugs; hospital, surgical and outpatient services; primary and preventive care;
39 emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; and long-term care;
40 and

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42 **WHEREAS**, the Medicare for All Act of 2021 would provide coverage without copays,
43 deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the
44 doctor-patient relationship and assure patients a free choice of doctors; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, recent polls show that a majority of Americans support Medicare-for-All; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Medicare for All Act of 2021 will guarantee that all residents of Annapolis will
4 be fully covered for health care without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket
5 costs, and would save millions in taxpayer dollars now spent on premiums that
6 provide often inadequate health insurance coverage for government employees; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the quality of life for the residents of Annapolis will vastly improve because they
9 would be able to get the ongoing care they need, instead of waiting until they have
10 a medical emergency that could upend their lives as well as further burden local
11 resources; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, rationing health care according to ability to pay has diminished the overall health
14 of our citizens to the point that the United States ranks last among industrialized
15 nations in health outcomes and as many as 30,000 people in the United States die
16 each year due to inadequate health care; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, numerous academic studies have concluded that the administrative savings under a
19 single-payer, Medicare for All system would be enough to cover the currently
20 uninsured and improve coverage for all those who now have only partial coverage;
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23 **WHEREAS**, the failure to provide affordable and appropriate preventative health care services
24 places unnecessary and more costly demands upon City of Annapolis emergency
25 health care services.

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28 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of
31 Annapolis expresses its support for Medicare for All, including expansion of the Medicare for All
32 Act of 2021, H.R. 1976, 117th Cong. (2021-2022), a Federal bill that seeks to guarantee
33 comprehensive healthcare to all U.S. residents and calls upon our Congressional delegation to
34 work towards its enactment.

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36 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
37 of Annapolis supports establishing a Maryland Commission on Universal Health Care and calls
38 upon our State legislators to pass such a Bill in its next legislative session.

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41 **EXPLANATION**

42 Underlining indicates matter added.
43 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.
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