

RESOLUTION NO. 22

SERIES 2019

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENTLY GENERATED MODEL (OR MODELS) OF IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL SUCH THAT THE PUBLIC MAY COMPARE IT TO THE CURRENT MIX OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, all Crested Butte residents should have access to a state or national nonprofit health care financing system that pays for comprehensive, high-quality, affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, an ultimate solution to the problem will be at the national level, the current pain inflicted by our dysfunctional health care system is very local and directly impacting Crested Butte residents; and

WHEREAS, the high cost of healthcare is a significant factor in the inability of Crested Butte residents to find affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, many small businesses in Crested Butte struggle to attract and retain employees because employees are often looking for jobs with health care benefits; and

WHEREAS, Crested Butte residents should not have their access to affordable health care dictated by their employment status; and

WHEREAS, Crested Butte residents should not have to worry about loss of affordable health care when making decisions regarding marriage and divorce; and

WHEREAS, Crested Butte individuals should have the freedom to change their employment status in order to care for elderly, sick or young family members without concern about losing access to affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, the Crested Butte economy would benefit when entrepreneurs have the freedom to pursue their vision without being constrained by the potential loss of health care for themselves and their family if they leave existing employment; and

WHEREAS, the cost and complexity of providing health care is a significant issue each year for the Town of Crested Butte, limiting our ability to provide other necessary services to residents; and

WHEREAS, a publicly funded healthcare program should obtain revenues from a variety of taxes which, in combination, are progressive in nature and result in everyone paying to fund health care based on their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, the combination of taxes chosen to fund a national healthcare system should reduce the current heavy reliance on employee and employer payroll deductions and seek other sources of revenue in order to reduce the burden on businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes a comprehensive Improved Medicare for All model to finance health care (not a public option or Medicare for Some) has the potential to address all of the criteria and concerns listed above; and

WHEREAS, the public deserves the ability to review an independently developed model (or models) of Improved Medicare for All to understand what services could be funded, what revenue sources could be utilized to fund it, the probable cost to individuals, families and businesses and how the transition would take place in order to compare Improved Medicare for All to the existing patchwork of health care financing programs across the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive national healthcare system should negotiate prices for all prescription drugs as is done in all other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, a state or national universal healthcare financing plan should set compensation for licensed health care providers at levels that result in net income that will attract and retain necessary health care professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO THAT:

1. The Crested Butte Town Council strongly encourages the Governor of Colorado, our state legislative representatives and our congressional representatives to actively support the creation of an independently generated model (or models) of Improved Medicare for All (not a public option or Medicare for Some) such that the public may compare it to the current mix of health care financing programs.
2. The Mayor should forward this resolution to our state and federal elected representatives conveying the council's interest in having a thorough and independent model of Improved Medicare for All presented for public review.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: 
James A. Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

