

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH A FEDERAL WAIVER PROCESS
FOR STATES TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
PLAN**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Special Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress, as follows:

WHEREAS, the current system of health care coverage in the State does not provide universal coverage for all Maine residents; and

WHEREAS, health care coverage is often unaffordable and causes financial strain for many Maine residents; and

WHEREAS, every person in the State should have access to affordable and high-quality health care; and

WHEREAS, there are significant barriers in federal law that affect the ability of individual states to establish a universal health care plan to provide affordable and high-quality health care to all residents; and

WHEREAS, these state efforts are also hindered by a lack of federal support and financing to assist states interested in the establishment of a state-based universal health care plan; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation was previously introduced in the 116th Congress, H.R. 5010, the State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2019, and similar legislation is expected to be reintroduced in the 117th Congress that would establish a federal waiver for states interested in establishing a universal health care plan for residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress enact legislation to authorize states to obtain a state universal health care waiver; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.