



**Proposed Resolution: Submitted by the NYSNA Single Payer Committee**

Whereas, single payer, universal healthcare has the potential to be the most transformative change to the Nursing profession and Healthcare in the United States since the advent of modern medicine;

Whereas, eliminating private, for-profit health insurance would save healthcare facilities, employers, New York families, and tax payers millions of dollars annually;

Whereas, in spite of the overwhelming evidence that single payer and the New York Health Act will be totally beneficial to patients, communities, caregivers and our economy, many New Yorkers oppose to it due to the extraordinary misinformation that insurance companies, corporate hospital entities, and Big Pharma continue to propagate;

Whereas, the current insurance-based for-profit nature of the health care industry has eviscerated our profession and created an assembly line form of care, generating chronic shortages, abuses, impossible productivity requirements, and the removal of nurses from the bedside and patient care;

Whereas, Nurses understand that profits and ability to pay should not be the driving force behind access to quality healthcare;

Whereas private insurance, for profit healthcare, and the concept of “in-network or out-of-network coverage” give rise to racial disparities and economic segregation in healthcare, creating a two tier, health system;

Whereas, Nurses understand the healthcare needs of and are the best advocates for our patients, clients, and the residents of New York;

Whereas, insurance representatives, accountants and profiteers must be removed from our bedsides, OR’s, ER’s, Clinics and other care facilities;

Whereas, NYSNA has long been a leading union advocate for single payer universal health care coverage, and the NYSNA Delegated Convention has passed previous resolutions to make advocating for single payer, universal healthcare a top priority issue;

Whereas, there are some eighty NYSNA contracts being open for this year, and NYSNA nurses will spend much energy and political capital defending our employer supported health insurance benefits from being diminished;

Whereas, despite verbal support for single payer universal healthcare and majorities in the State Assembly, Senate and the Governor’s mansion, our friends and allies have failed to bring the NY Health Act to a vote in 2022; and,

Whereas, Nurses across New York State understand that **HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT;**

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the NYSNA Convention recommends to the Board of Directors:

1. NYSNA should establish and fund our own campaign to advocate for and educate the public on single payer and universal healthcare, and expose the self-serving and dangerous disinformation campaign brought forth by those who place profit above patients.

2. This campaign should include TV and radio ads, utilize news and personal appearances by nurses, and provide advertising or other material support to the campaign.
3. NYSNA should support political candidates who commit to advocate for single payer, universal healthcare and the New York Health Act.