

Health Care is a Human Right

WHEREAS, the Washington Federation of State Employees, AFL-CIO shares the goals of the Health Care is a Human Right WA coalition to reform the United States health care system to fulfill the right of all people to comprehensive, affordable and equitable health care; and

WHEREAS, WFSE and HCHR agree that all people should have an opportunity to achieve their full health potential regardless of the color of their skin, where they were born, their level of education, their gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, occupation, neighborhood or disability; and

WHEREAS, WFSE and HCHR agree that health care resources should be equitably available to everyone, including patients' free choice of trained professionals; and

WHEREAS, WFSE and HCHR share the goal of taking health care off the bargaining table by achieving guaranteed, publicly funded health coverage for all Washingtonians and everyone in our nation, such as expanded and improved Medicare for All; and

WHEREAS, WFSE and HCHR support interim steps such as (1) Congressional action to negotiate lower prescription drug prices for everyone and to expand Medicare coverage to include dental, vision and hearing, and (2) creation of a universal state health plan for all Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, it is important for labor organizations to join together to bring about changes in our nation's health care system that protect and improve upon our hard-won standards of health benefits while extending these benefits to the whole population;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WFSE join the HCHR coalition as a sponsoring and voting member with the intent to participate in the work of the HCHR committees, mobilize volunteers and participants in HCHR campaign events; and

/s/ Cindy Hall, Local 573 President
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/s/ Lorrie Wandler, Local 573 Secretary
8/18/21

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