

Recognizing the Importance of Community Health Centers

Whereas: For over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable health care in our nation's underserved communities, demonstrating that locally governed healthcare can improve lives while lowering costs.

Whereas: What began as a small demonstration project in two states has grown into the country's largest primary care network, with Health Centers now serving as the health care home for over 24 million Americans through more than 9,000 delivery sites across the nation. One in every fourteen people living in the United States looks to a community health center for their care.

Whereas: Health Centers provide high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary and preventive care, including integrated medical, oral, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to all individuals regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

Whereas: Health Centers are located in medically underserved areas and locally controlled by patient-majority boards, ensuring that each Health Center always remains responsive to the needs of the specific community it serves.

Whereas: Health Centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating billions of dollars in combined economic impact and creating jobs in some of the country's most economically deprived communities.

Whereas: Health Centers nationally employ nearly 170,000 people, including more than 11,200 physicians and more than 9,000 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of a multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient.

Whereas: The Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of reducing healthcare disparities and overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income and insurance status, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs.

Whereas: Health Centers save the entire health system approximately \$24 billion annually by managing chronic conditions and keeping patients out of costlier health care settings, like hospital emergency rooms.

Whereas: The demand for Health Centers continues to outpace growth, and expansion of health centers' capacity and reach will be essential to meet the needs of these new patients, as existing Health Centers are already at capacity and many communities lack any primary care services at all.

Whereas: Democratic Presidential Nominee Hillary Rodham-Clinton announced support of doubling the size of the Health Center program under her administration.

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Young Democrats of America support Secretary Clinton's plan to expand the Federal Health Center program. That no family should ever go bankrupt because of an illness.

Be it further resolved that the Young Democrats of America support the concept that access to Health Care is a universal human right.

Be it finally resolved that the Young Democrats of America commend Health Centers for their 50 years of quality preventive care for working families.

Resolution Thanking the Minnesota Young DFL for hosting a Successful National Meeting

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Young DFL have hosted a successful national meeting of the Young Democrats of America in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota from August 12th to 14th, 2016,

WHEREAS, the hospitality, congeniality, and professionalism, exhibited by the Minnesota Young DFL (MYDFL) was unparalleled in carrying out the planning, organization and implementation of a successful national conference,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America thanks Minnesota DFL Chair Ken Martin, Minnesota State Auditor Rebecca Otto, Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, State Senator Terri Bonoff, State Representative Erin Murphy, Minneapolis Council Member Jacob Frey, Minnesota Democratic National Committeeman Ron Harris, Dr. Terry Friedrichs, and Matt Musel for taking the time out of their extremely busy schedules to address our membership,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America recognizes the efforts that many individuals within MYDFL and the Minnesota DFL Party took to support this national meeting,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America especially recognizes the efforts of the MYDFL President Conrad Zbikowski, MYDFL National Committee Representative Alex Valen, and MYDFL National Committee Representative Andie Whitaker,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America offers their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Minnesota Young DFL for their hospitality, dedicated and outstanding service in making this a productive and enjoyable event for all attendees of this national meeting.

Resolution Condemning Anti-Semitism

Let it hereby be resolved:

The Young Democrats of America condemn any and all acts of hate speech and Anti-Semitism on college campuses. These include both verbal and written acts including but not limited to swastikas, inverted Stars of David, racial slurs, names in echo, images of lynching, and any other words, depictions, or vandalistic acts that demean, slander, intimidate, or jeopardize another based on their religion, race, or ethnicity. These acts will be viewed as attacks not just on the individual but on the entire community that he/she is a part of. Furthermore, the Young Democrats support the coming together in solidarity of faith and ethnic groups that are or historically have been the subject of hate speech, including Jews, Muslims, African-Americans, Latino-Americans, Asian-Americans, and Native-Americans, as a response to such acts of hate.