

**Berkeley Unified School District  
Resolution No. 15-080  
Supporting the National Day of  
Action for Medicare's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**WHEREAS**, July 30, 2015 will mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Medicare Act;

**WHEREAS**, Medicare is our nation's largest and most successful health insurance system serving the healthcare needs of almost 50 million older and disabled Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicare has been the most financially efficient health care system in the United States with administrative costs averaging only 2 percent of program outlays; and

**WHEREAS**, there are attacks on Medicare that propose raising eligibility to age 67, and turn Medicare into a voucher program, endangering everyone's health and financial security, as well as the Medicare program itself; and

**WHEREAS**, attacks on Medicare would dramatically increase retiree healthcare costs for unions and State and Local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicare must be protected, improved, and expanded so that it becomes Medicare for All (Single Payer) and covers all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, healthcare is a human right, and all Americans deserve affordable, comprehensive healthcare;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Berkeley Unified School District supports the "Medicare Turns 50" national campaign to celebrate the success of the Medicare program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Berkeley Unified School District, as part of the national campaign, will encourage retirees to enroll in Medicare so that Medicare for All (Single Payer Healthcare) creates true, universal healthcare for all Americans.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Berkeley Unified School District will support the Medicare Turns 50 Coalition and forward a copy of the approved Resolution to the Alameda Labor Council, local sponsors of this National Day of Action.

**Approved and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.**

  
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Karen Hemphill, Clerk  
Board of Education