



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 26, 1999

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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- WHEREAS: Many people in Cambridge, particularly seniors, find their health costs rising and their services especially essential pharmaceuticals, diminishing; and
- WHEREAS: The Joint Health Care Committee in the State House will tomorrow be considering the Massachusetts Health Trust bill whose lead sponsor is Senator Robert Travaglini, which would establish a universal singlepayer health care system which would provide every resident of the Commonwealth with first class health care from the doctor of their choice; and
- WHEREAS: There will be a rally at the Boston State House at 11:00 and a hearing at 12:00; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging the legislature to give favorable consideration to this bill; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward by fax a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation and the Co-Chairs of the Joint Health Care Committee on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 26, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Late Order

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-HMC Amend
for to
pass Bill &
Senate,
& Chair of Committee

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MS SR
recom
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4/26/99 at 4:05

Vma

me & John Gachney 125 yrs

✓ Signed Health Pledge

Already

done

all patient # 53

3/15+

#53 3/29

CC & cc ✓ single Pair health care

Resolved

CC go on record in support

of Single Payer health care



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Vice Mayor Galluccio, Councillors
Born, Russell and Sullivan re: support
the Massachusetts Health Trust bill which
would establish a universal singlepayer
health care system for every resident of
the Commonwealth.

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ORDER ADOPTED