RESOLUTION OPPOSING REPUBLICAN PLAN TO TAKE AWAY HEALTH CARE COVERAGE & PROTECTIONS FROM 394,466 OC RESIDENTS RECEIVING OBAMACARE

WHEREAS, more than 394,466 Orange County residents receive health care through Covered California and the Medi-Cal expansion provided through Obamacare.

WHEREAS, the current Republican actions will eliminate cost sharing subsidies for low-income people; eliminate income affordability adjustment for tax credits; penalize those with pre-existing conditions with a 30% monthly premium surcharge if they miss a monthly payment; and create barriers to initial and ongoing Medicaid enrollment which can cause a catastrophic increase in the number of uninsured Americans and millions of others to potentially experience stratospheric increases in insurance rates especially those with preexisting conditions and those over 50 years of age;

WHEREAS, the Republicans' actions to repeal and replace Obamacare has been condemned by AARP, the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, America's Health Insurance Plans, Federation of American Hospitals, The American Cancer Society, American Health Care Association, National Disability Rights Network and the National Physician's Alliance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County condemns any and all actions by Republicans including U.S. House of Representatives members Darrell Issa, Dana Rohrabacher, Ed Royce, Mimi Walters to take away health care coverage and critical protections for those with pre-existing conditions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls upon all elected officials to join the DPOC in working to protect and strengthen health care coverage including fighting the repeal of Obamacare while at the same time working towards universal health care including a single payer option.

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