



# Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County AFL-CIO

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## Resolution Supporting the National Day of Action for Medicare's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Whereas** July 30, 2015 will make the 50<sup>th</sup> 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** Republican budget proposals attack Medicare; proposing to raise 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** Republican budget proposals that attack Medicare would dramatically increase retiree healthcare costs for Unions and State and Local governments; and

**Whereas** Medicare must be protected, improved and expanded (PIE) 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 Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County AFL-CIO supports the "Medicare Turns 50" national campaign to celebrate the success of the Medicare program; and

**Be it further resolved** that Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County AFL-CIO as part of the national campaign, will educate and mobilize the membership for the National Day of Action on 7/30/15, and will work to protect, improve, and expand Medicare, so that Medicare for All (Single Payer Healthcare) creates true, universal healthcare for all Americans.

**Be it finally resolved** that Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County AFL-CIO will assign a representative to attend the planning sessions of the Medicare Turns 50 Coalition (M50) and help mobilize for the event.

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For more info on **Medicare Turns 50 Event** contact: Campaign for a Healthy California address: 770 L Street, suite 1480, Sacramento, CA 95814 / email: [info@HealthyCaliforniaCampaign.org](mailto:info@HealthyCaliforniaCampaign.org)  
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