



LORRAINE SHEEHAN HEALTH CARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLUTION

FOR MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

- Because,** reducing the number of uninsured Marylanders will improve public health AND make health care more affordable for all of us; and
- Because,** low-income adults without children do not currently have access to quality, affordable health care that covers needed hospital and specialty care; and
- Because,** people with substance abuse problems, mental health problems, and people with developmental disabilities cannot get the care and treatment they need; and
- Because,** Maryland’s alcohol tax is the second lowest in the nation and has not been raised since 1972 for beer and wine and 1955 for spirits; and
- Because,** raising the state’s alcohol tax by a dime a drink will reduce state health care costs by \$249 million a year, prevent 15,000 cases of alcohol abuse, stop nearly 400 acts of violence against women and children AND has broad public support (71% of Marylanders support it); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the undersigned candidate supports increasing Maryland’s alcohol tax by a dime a drink to save lives and health care costs caused by alcohol abuse and supports using the funds raised by the alcohol tax increase to:

- give tens of thousands of uninsured Marylanders access to health care by expanding Medicaid to childless adults who earn below \$12,563/year;
- reduce drug and alcohol abuse by funding community-based prevention and treatment programs;
- provide community services to people with developmental disabilities and their families so they can live quality and safe lives;
- fund quality mental health services for Maryland’s most vulnerable populations; and
- prevent tobacco addiction and increase quality training opportunities for health care personnel.

Candidate’s Signature _____ **Date** _____

Candidate’s Name (please print) _____ **Party Affiliation** _____ **District** _____

Contact Person’s Name _____

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NOTE: Signing this Resolution does not imply endorsement of the Maryland Citizens’ Health Initiative’s Health Care for All! Plan or any specific proposal not mentioned in this Resolution.

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