

WHEREAS, Seattle embraces immigrants as a vital and foundational part of our society, members who give to our community; and

WHEREAS, access to healthcare, particularly reproductive health care services such as contraception, preconception, abortion, or postpartum care are instrumental to healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, culturally and linguistically responsive services for immigrants – regardless of status – along with increased access for low-income, transgender, disAbled, people of color and other marginalized identities are positive steps towards City of Seattle’s goals of achieving racial equity and eradicating structural barriers; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants cannot access comprehensive health care coverage under federal programs, and state and local government have led efforts to provide health care for low-income undocumented immigrants and documented immigrants without federal dollars; and

WHEREAS, without health insurance, reproductive health services, and access to culturally competent health care, barriers to access and preventative care makes hospitalizations more likely while poor health is another barrier to achieving economic self-sufficiency and contributing to overall prosperity;

Now, therefore, the Mayor of Seattle and the Seattle City Council do hereby proclaim the importance of access to health care for every person.