**Resolution to Save Neighborhood Social Security Offices, Medicare and Medicaid**

Whereas, neighborhood Social Security offices and employees have faithfully served the public in communities across the country since 1935,

Whereas Social Security benefits is the best protection against falling into poverty for Americans since its inception in 1935,

Whereas local Social Security offices, staffed with trained civil servants across the nation, provide direct service in person and by telephone to millions Americans each year,

Whereas 20 percent of staff in local SSA offices in your community are veterans,

Whereas 9.7 million of Americans receiving Social Security benefits are veterans,

Whereas millions of veterans and their families depend on their monthly checks from Social Security for housing and food,

Whereas older adults are the fastest growing population of homelessness, including thousands of veterans and families,

Whereas 10,000 American reach retirement age each day,

Whereas staffing at the Social Security Administration has fallen to a 50 year low while workloads have increased,

Whereas the current Administration has announced a plan to cut staff dramatically to take federal tax dollars from our communities and transfer those dollars to billionaires by reducing their taxes,

Whereas cutting costs leads to closing neighborhood Social Security offices, a dozen have already been announced,

Whereas millions of American depend on nearby offices for filing for benefits, resolving problems with payments, work records, generate SSN’s, provide replacement cards, income and award letters and assist with disability issues,

Whereas more than 79 million Americans receive Medicaid and the U.S. House budget resolution in 2025 plans steep cuts to provide tax breaks for the 1%,

Whereas Medicare serves more than 68 million Americans and is targeted for cuts by the current Administration, to cut taxes on the richest Americans,

Therefore,

Be it resolved that this body commits to opposing any and all closing of Social Security offices, staffing cuts and protect Social Security benefits,

Be it further resolved that this body supports robust staffing and local office facilities to serve the public in a timely manner in this community and all communities across the state and nation.

Be it resolved that this body will oppose state and federal cuts in Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security benefits.

Be it further resolved that this body will support House Bills, introduced March 5, 2025, “Keeping Our field Offices Open Act” , “Protecting Americans Social Security Data Act” and S.393, “The Social Security Expansion Act”.