

## RESOLUTION ICDP 2023-6

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: **Elimination of medical debt in collection for Michiganders**

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**Whereas:** Medical costs have exceeded the ability of many Michiganders.

**Whereas:** Bankruptcy rates have quadrupled, creating an avalanche of destructive medical debt.

**Whereas:** RIP (Rest in Peace) Medical Debt can leverage \$1 to abolish \$100 in medical debt.

**Whereas:** 190,000 Michiganders have an estimated \$181 million of medical debt in collections.

**Whereas:** Medical debt causes serious financial and emotional harm to individuals, families and the well-being of the State of Michigan.

**Whereas:** Medical debt makes it difficult for people to afford necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing.

**Whereas:** people with medical debt also have a greater likelihood of experiencing mental health problems such as anxiety and depression.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Michigan legislature should partner with RIP Medical Debt to erase the entire burden of medical debt currently in collections for the benefit of the unfortunate residents of Michigan not to exceed 5 million dollars, no later than Jan. 2025.

Ref: <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/michigan-2/>

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