

**Floor Amendment  
February 3, 2014**

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** supporting the expansion of Medicaid in the State of Missouri to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, as permitted by the Affordable Care Act.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18378**, February 3, 2014

**INTRODUCED BY** Scott Burnett, Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Dennis Waits, James D. Tindall, and Fred Arbanas, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly is urged to take action to expand Medicaid for the residents of the State of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, the expansion of Medicaid to provide medical insurance to the uninsured will save lives and should be a top priority in the State of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will enable working families to meet their health care needs in a difficult economy; and,

WHEREAS, Medicaid coverage for individuals dealing with mental illness will decrease tragic outcomes for individuals, families, and the community, such as emergency room visits, arrests, incarceration, and/or suicide; and,

WHEREAS, when adults have medical insurance, studies show that their children are three times more likely to be enrolled in a medical plan, receive regular checkups, and avoid financial distress from a medical emergency; and,


WHEREAS, expanding Medicaid will save and create thousands of jobs throughout Missouri and protect our hospitals from devastating funding cuts and layoffs; and,

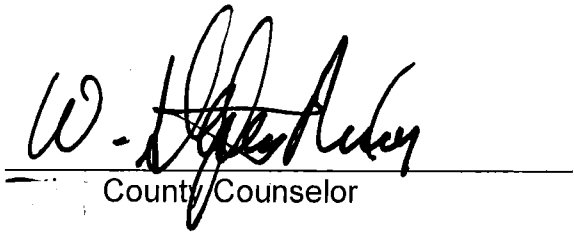
WHEREAS, every human life is of value and deserves to have access to affordable health insurance; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature supports the expansion of Medicaid within the State of Missouri to 138 percent of the federal poverty level as permitted by the Affordable Care Act.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

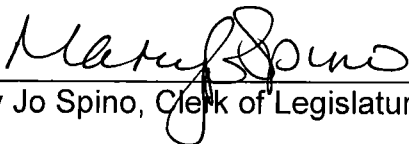
Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18378 of February 3, 2014, was duly passed on February 3, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7 Nays 2

Abstaining 0 Absent 0

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Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature