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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION calling on the Missouri General Assembly to fund Medicaid expansion, as approved by the voters of Missouri.

RESOLUTION NO. 20657, April 26, 2021

INTRODUCED BY Crystal Williams, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, County Legislators

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, Missouri voters approved a ballot measure to amend the state constitution to expand Medicaid, a measure that was approved by nearly 74% of voters in Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, the Missouri Medicaid Expansion Initiative requires the State of Missouri to provide Medicaid for persons under the age of 65 whose income is equal to or below 138 percent of the official poverty line; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri is one of only fourteen states that have rejected federal funds to cover the costs of the recommended Medicaid expansion; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 275,000 citizens of Missouri will benefit from Medicaid expansion, with the federal government covering ninety percent of the cost through the Affordable Care Act; and,

WHEREAS, expansion of Medicaid in Missouri is supported by the Missouri Hospital Association, the Missouri Primary Care Association, and Missouri Health Care for All, a grassroots coalition of individuals, health care providers, and faith organizations; and,

WHEREAS, healthcare providers are mandated to serve everyone who enters an emergency room, resulting in the financial burden of uncompensated care for these providers; and,

WHEREAS, in rural Missouri, at least nine hospitals have closed since 2014 and roughly one-quarter of patients of Missouri community health centers are uninsured, conditions that may be alleviated by the expansion of Medicaid; and,

WHEREAS, presently MO HealthNet, Missouri's Medicaid program, provides health insurance only to children, pregnant women, those with disabilities, and some senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri Governor Mike Parson included Medicaid expansion in his proposed budget, doing his part to carry out the will of the voters; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri legislators must follow the state Constitution and include funding for Medicaid

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expansion in the Missouri state budget; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby proclaims its support for funding voter-approved Medicaid expansion within the state of Missouri.

..Enacted and Approved
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 County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 20657 of April 26, 2021, was duly passed on April 26, 2021 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____8_____ Nays _____0_____

Abstaining ____1_____ Absent _____0_____

_____ _____
Date Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Resolution No. 20657.

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Date Frank White, Jr., County Executive

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