



**RESOLUTION OF _____, VIRGINIA
TO REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA
ACCEPT FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING AND IMPLEMENT THE FULL EXPANSION OF HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE AS PROVIDED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

WHEREAS, the City/Town Council/Board of Supervisors of _____, Virginia, represents all of the citizens of _____, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, _____ people in our City/County do not have health insurance coverage and would be eligible if Virginia accepted federal Medicaid funding to expand coverage; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's Medicaid program has very restrictive eligibility criteria that currently excludes approximately 400,000 low-income Virginians from receiving comprehensive, affordable health insurance coverage to provide for personal well being and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, expanding Medicaid or creating a state solution to use federal Medicaid funding would be good for Virginia's economy - bringing \$6.2 million per day to the Commonwealth, resulting in billions of dollars to support the health care industry, jobs, and Virginia's overall economy, and dwarfing future projected costs to Virginia. The Department of Medical Assistance Services estimates that Virginia would see a net savings of \$265 million through state fiscal year 2022, with the state match being more than offset by savings in health care for prisoners, community mental health, indigent care, and other state funded health care services.

WHEREAS, expanding health care coverage would help Virginia's families by reducing debt (an estimate of \$600-\$1,000 for each individual who gained Medicaid coverage) and reducing personal bankruptcies by 8 percent (for a 10-percentage point increase in Medicaid eligibility).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City/Town Council/Board of Supervisors of _____, Virginia, calls upon the General Assembly and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to fully accept Federal Medicaid funds and expand insurance coverage pursuant to the Affordable Care Act during the next regular session of the General Assembly.