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Click on the following link for a draft resolution provided through the Joint Office of Senator Joseph F. Vitale and Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin urging the Governor to support the expansion of New Jersey's Medicaid program:

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A RESOLUTION urging the Governor to support the expansion of New Jersey's Medicaid program as provided under the federal "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

WHEREAS, the federal "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," (ACA), Pub. L. 111-148, enacted into law on March 23, 2010, and amended by the federal "Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010," Pub.L. 111-152, enacted into law on March 30, 2010, provides New Jersey with the opportunity, effective January 1, 2014, to increase its Medicaid income eligibility limit to 133 % of the federal poverty level for all non-elderly adult citizens and lawful residents; thus **providing the State with the opportunity to come together in a bipartisan manner and for the first time ensure that New Jersey adults at all income levels have access to health insurance coverage;**

WHEREAS, New Jersey's participation in the Medicaid expansion would make 307,000 adults without health insurance eligible for Medicaid. Currently, about one of every four New Jersey adults without dependents lacks health insurance making up 60% of all non-elderly uninsured in the State;

WHEREAS, the ACA provides an enhanced federal match for those states that participate in the Medicaid expansion, under which the federal match for State funds expended on newly eligible persons will be 100% from 2014-2016 with a phase down to 90% in 2020 and subsequent years; thus costing New Jersey taxpayers zero in 2014-2016, with an additional budget savings if New Jersey maintains current coverage for thousands of adults that are currently eligible under State law;

WHEREAS, without the Medicaid Expansion persons with incomes of less than 100% of the federal poverty level will not be eligible to receive subsidies to purchase insurance on a health-insurance exchange and will thus have no ability to secure coverage,

WHEREAS, the major increase in federal funding (approximately \$2 billion annually) associated with the Medicaid Expansion will stimulate New Jersey's economy, creating well-paid jobs, increasing worker-productivity for newly-insured employees, and permitting small businesses to provide coverage to their employees;

WHEREAS, NJ citizens, as federal taxpayers, will have to pay the Medicaid expansion costs incurred by the federal government in other states, so they should not forego the benefit of those federal tax dollars in NJ;

WHEREAS, a study published in The New England Journal of Medicine in July 2012 concludes that state Medicaid expansions to cover low-income adults were significantly associated with reduced mortality and improved health status; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's participation in the ACA Medicaid Expansion will help its hospitals by reducing the number of charity care patients and thus guaranteeing hospitals that they will be

paid the Medicaid rate for eligible individuals they assist rather than relying on state payments that vary widely year-to-year;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ :

1. This municipality urges the Governor to support the expansion of the New Jersey Medicaid program as provided for under the federal "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," (ACA), Pub. L. 111-148, and amended by the federal "Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010," Pub.L.111-152.
2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the City Council and the Mayor and attested by the Clerk of the City, shall be transmitted to the Governor.