

2 **RESOLUTION: Advocate the State Legislature to Expand Medicaid in Wisconsin**

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**TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, Medicaid Expansion would increase the Medicaid-eligible income level up to 138% of the  
7 federal poverty rate; and

8 **WHEREAS**, for newly-eligible individuals (individuals who did not qualify for full Medicaid coverage prior to  
9 December 1, 2009), the federal government funds 90% of benefit costs in the calendar year 2020 and subsequent  
10 years; and

11 **WHEREAS**, between 2010 and 2015, the Affordable Care Act resulted in health insurance being provided to  
12 212,000 additional individuals in Wisconsin; and

13 **WHEREAS**, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, 1,182,681 Wisconsin residents are  
14 enrolled in Medicaid, including 25,995 Winnebago County residents; and

15 **WHEREAS**, according to previous Wisconsin County budgets, many budget increases in county  
16 departments were the result of rising health care costs; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Governor Tony Evers has included expanding Medicaid in his biennial budget; and

18 **WHEREAS**, expanding Medicaid could lead to approximately \$104 million in new investments in Winnebago  
19 County; and

20 **WHEREAS**, these investments could lead to new initiatives to improve health care access and quality for all  
21 Winnebago County residents; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the State Legislature has voted against expanding Medicaid.

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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby  
25 advocates expanding Medicaid in Wisconsin and investing those federal funds in Winnebago County.

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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the  
28 Winnebago County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of the Governor for the State of  
29 Wisconsin, Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state senators and assembly members representing Winnebago  
30 County constituents.

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32 Respectfully submitted by:

33 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

34 Committee Vote: **10-2**

35 Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Fourths of Those Members Present**

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37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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40 Mark L Harris  
41 Winnebago County Executive