

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
IN SUPPORT OF EXPANSION OF MEDICAID COVERAGE**

WHEREAS, Texas has the highest rate of uninsured (24%) and underinsured in the United States and 23% of the residents of Fort Bend County are uninsured, and

WHEREAS, Expanding Medicaid would ensure 1.5 million more Texans get the medical care they need, and

WHEREAS, Medicaid already helps over 2.5 million Texas children, but Medicaid covers only about 225,000 of their parents, and

WHEREAS, Expanding Medicaid would be an economic windfall as every \$1 Texas spent would generate \$1.29 in state revenue, increase local government tax collections by another 51 cents, and save local governments \$1.21, and

WHEREAS, Texas hospitals provide over \$5 billion a year in uncompensated care, and local county taxes help pay for much of this care; insuring more Texans through Medicaid expansion will lower county costs for this care, and

WHEREAS, Opting out of expanding coverage won't reduce Texans' federal tax burden as federal funding for the Medicaid expansion program will simply be redirected from Texas to other participating states, and

WHEREAS, The federal government will cover the entire cost of expanding Medicaid for participating states during the first three years and will pay no less than 90% of the total cost thereafter. During the period 2014-2017, expansion will bring \$27.2 billion in federal revenue to Texas for just \$3.1 billion in state investment, and

WHEREAS, Covering the uninsured means better insurance value for all Texans with private health insurance, and

WHEREAS, Getting parents health coverage is one of the best things we can do to ensure the economic stability and future of Texas families, and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is found to serve a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Fort Bend County supports and endorses the full expansion of Medicaid coverage to all Texas U.S. citizen adults living at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Level, in accordance with the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

ADOPTED by Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this __ day of March, 2013.

FORT BEND COUNTY

By: _____

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

Date: _____

3-26-2013

Attest: _____

Dianne Wilson

Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

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