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10. Alaska Brain Injury Network
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46. Anchorage Faith & Action Congregations Together
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50. Anchorage Youth Development Coalition (AYDC)
51. ANCSA Regional Association
52. The Arc of Anchorage
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80. Doyon Limited
81. Effective Health Design
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98. Juneau Central Council AFL/ CIO
99. Juneau City & Borough Assembly
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101. Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council
102. Juneau Youth Services
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104. Kenaitze Indian Tribe
105. Kodiak Area Native Association



106. League of Women Voters of Alaska
107. March of Dimes Foundation Alaska Chapter
108. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly
109. Mat-Su Health Foundation
110. Mat-Su Health Services, Inc.
111. Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Foundation
112. Municipality of Skagway
113. NAACP
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115. NANA Regional Corporation
116. Narcotic Drug Treatment Center, Inc.
117. National Association of Social Workers – Alaska Chapter
118. National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Juneau, Alaska
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121. New Koliganek Village Council
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123. Nondalton Tribal Council
124. North Slope Borough
125. North Star Behavioral Health
126. Norton Sound Health Corporation



- 127. Peninsula Community Health Services of Alaska
- 128. Petersburg Mental Health Services, Inc.
- 129. Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest
- 130. Professional Nursing Consultants
- 131. Railbelt Mental Health & Addictions
- 132. Rainforest Recovery Center
- 133. Residential Youth Care, Inc.
- 134. RurAL CAP
- 135. SeaView Community Services
- 136. Sitka Borough Assembly
- 137. Sitka Counseling & Prevention Services
- 138. Sitka Tribe of Alaska
- 139. Southcentral Foundation
- 140. Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc.
- 141. Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium
- 142. South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
- 143. Statewide Independent Living Council of Alaska
- 144. Tanana Chiefs Conference
- 145. Tanana Valley Clinic
- 146. Tangirnaq Native Village/ Woody Island Tribal Council
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- 148. United Way of Anchorage
- 149. Valdez Health Advisory Council
- 150. Valley Medical Care
- 151. Volunteers of America Alaska
- 152. Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
- 153. YWCA Alaska



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Corporation is a tribal
organization representing
34 villages in Southwest
Alaska:*

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Chignik Lagoon
Chignik Lake
Clark's Point
Dillingham
Egegik
Ekuk
Ekwok
Goodnews Bay
Igloodig
Iliamna
Ivanof Bay
Kanakanak
King Salmon
Knugank
Kokhanok
Kolliganek
Levelock
Manokotak
Naknek
New Stuyahok
Newhalen
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Pedro Bay
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Pilot Point
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South Naknek
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*Our mission is to
provide health care
with competence
and sensitivity*

Via email and fax

March 13, 2015

The Honorable Governor Bill Walker
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker,

The Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation a consortium of 34 tribes in southwest Alaska supports your efforts to expand Medicaid in July 2015 for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy.

Nearly 42,000 of our fellow Alaskans will be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion. Expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventative and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

There are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion, which will bring more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years. We should view Medicaid expansion as an economic driver that will positively impact our state's economy as we are faced with declining oil prices and the resulting budget challenges.

In addition to new federal revenue, savings to the state budget have also been identified in the Department of Corrections, the Chronic & Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA) Program and behavioral health grants. In FY2016, the state would realize \$6.1 million in savings. Medicaid expansion is healthy for Alaskans and healthy for the state's budget. We encourage the continued internal evaluation to identify other potential savings and offsets attributable to expansion and reform.

Federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond. We support Governor Walker's position that Alaska's participation is contingent on the federal match remaining at 90%.

Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform. We are pleased to hear that the Department of Health & Human Services has issued an RFP for technical assistance related to reform efforts. Though reform of the current Medicaid program should be of utmost importance, reform efforts should

not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy.

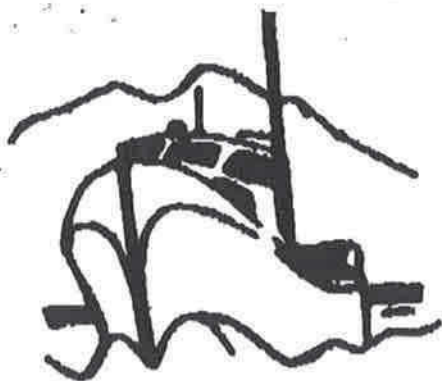
Sincerely,

BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION



Robert J. Clark
President/Chief Executive Officer

cc: Commissioner Valerie Davidson
Alaska Native Health Board
BBAHC Executive Committee
BBAHC Division Managers
Representative Bryce Edgmon
Representative Lyman Hoffman
Senator Gary Stevens



BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

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FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

DATE: March 25, 2015

TO: Governor Bill Walker

FAX: (907) 465-3532

SENDER: Ralph Andersen

RE: Resolutions

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MAR 25 2015

Office of the Governor

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March 25, 2015*

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March 25, 2015

State of Alaska
 Governor Bill Walker
 Third Floor, State Capitol
 P.O. Box 110001
 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker:

Via Fax – 465-3532

Enclosed please find resolutions:

• 2015-02 • 2015-03 • 2015-07 • 2015-08 • 2015-11

These resolutions were passed during the Full Board of Directors meeting of the Bristol Bay Native Association, March 18-20, 2015. BBNA, the regional non-profit for the Bristol Bay region, represents 31 tribes.

These resolutions represent a formal statement of considered opinion, intent, and resolve of the Association and its tribes. We have taken this action out of concern for our social, economic, and cultural well-being. We communicate these resolutions to inform you of our position and to earnestly solicit your assistance in our efforts.

Sincerely,

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

Ralph Andersen
 Ralph Andersen
 President & CEO

Enclosure(s)

Tribal Councils
 Served by BBNA:

Aleknagik

Chignik Bay

Chignik Lagoon

Chignik Lake

Clark Point

Curyung

Egegik

Elk

Elleuk

Igalig

Iliamna

Ivanof Bay

Kamatak

King Salmon

Kokhanok

Koliganuk

Levelock

Manoktok

Naknek

New Smythak

Nawaklon

Nondaton

Pedro Bay

Perryville

Pilot Point

Port Heiden

Fortage Creek

South Naknek

Togiak

Twin Hills

Ugashik

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION**P.O. BOX 310****DILLINGHAM, ALASKA 99576****(907) 842-5257****By the Full Board of Directors****Resolution 2015 - 02****A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT HOUSE BILL 148, GOVERNOR WALKER'S MEDICAID EXPANSION BILL**

WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a regional Alaska Native non-profit corporation and tribal consortium serving 31 tribal communities in the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska; and

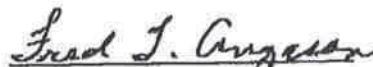
WHEREAS: On March 17, 2015 Governor Bill Walker transmitted to the Alaska State Legislature HB 148, a bill that would expand Medicaid to Alaskans who earn \$20,314 per year or less or married couples who earn \$27,490 or less, and makes various reforms to the Medicaid program in Alaska;

WHEREAS: The expansion of Medicaid would benefit an estimated 42,000 people, while bringing in \$146 million in new federal money in 2016 and subsequent years and generating an estimated 4,000 jobs and \$1.2 billion in wages and salaries, while actually reducing the state's general fund budget by \$6.5 million; and

WHEREAS: Many of the beneficiaries of the Medicaid expansion are Alaska Natives who are otherwise completely dependent on the under-funded Indian Health Service system for health care, and the Medicaid expansion will be a significant source of new third-party revenues for tribal health providers operating IHS programs;

WHEREAS: Although the State of Alaska will have to assume 10% of the cost of the Medicaid expansion beginning in 2020, the additional cost will be more than offset by savings to the state and increased economic activity generated by the expansion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bristol Bay Native Association Board of Directors that it urges the Alaska State Legislature to promptly enact House Bill 148, Governor Bill Walker's Medicaid expansion legislation.


Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, Inc. do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed by the Full Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association at a duly called and noticed meeting on the 20th day of March, 2015, and that a quorum was present.


Robert Heyano, Secretary



Enriching Our Native Way of Life

February 24, 2015

Governor Bill Walker
Alaska State Capitol Building
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker:

Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) supports Medicaid expansion. Medicaid expansion is critical to improving access to health care for thousands of Alaskans. Expansion will also bring the state close to a billion dollars in new federal spending over the short-term and will support programmatic reforms that will save the state additional Medicaid dollars over the long-term. Accordingly, BBNC encourages you to expand the Medicaid program.

Studies suggest that expanding Medicaid will greatly reduce the number of uninsured Alaskans and will save lives - by some estimates 30 lives a year. Without insurance many individuals are forced to ignore health issues until they become unbearable and they are forced to seek care in an emergency room. Medicaid expansion will allow these individuals to seek medical attention much earlier and in a primary care setting.

Expansion will also increase the level of substance abuse treatment and care available to many Alaskans. A disproportionate number of Alaska Natives are incarcerated for offenses that are more often than not either directly or indirectly related to alcohol and substance abuse. While incarcerated individuals can often receive substance abuse treatment while they are in state custody, there is no continuing treatment available once these individuals are released. Medicaid expansion will increase the amount of drug and alcohol counseling available outside of incarceration and should reduce recidivism rates. This is of critical importance to rural Alaska.

Medicaid expansion also makes sense from a finance perspective. In 2011, Alaska hospitals provided 90 million dollars in uncompensated emergency room care. These are costs that the state's health care system had to absorb and spread to other patients (and their insurers) through higher health care rates. Other states that have expanded Medicaid have seen their uncompensated hospital costs fall by as much as 30%. Should Alaska hospitals see a similar reduction in uninsured costs, more than 10 million dollars per year in uninsured costs could be avoided.

Alaska currently faces numerous social and fiscal challenges. Medicaid expansion offers a rare opportunity to address one of the social challenges while also bringing new federal funding to the state. From this perspective, the decision to expand the state's Medicaid program should be any easy one. We encourage your administration to work with the legislature to get this important task completed. Alaska and Alaskans stand to benefit greatly.

Regards,



Jason Metrokin
President & CEO



February 17, 2015

Governor Walker:

Cancer is the leading cause of death in Alaska, but there is good news: knowing what we know today, we could prevent half of all cancer deaths, saving over 300,000 lives annually in the US. Success on this scale will require the commitment of all levels of government and strong community and private sector support.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. ACS CAN supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. We need your help.

We would like to draw your attention to two priority areas on the ACS CAN agenda this session:

- **100% Smoke-free Indoor Workplaces** ACS CAN strongly supports SB 1, protecting Alaskans from secondhand smoke in the workplace. Only half the state's population is currently protected by a smoke-free workplace ordinance. It is time for the legislature to act protect workers and patrons across the state from secondhand smoke and electronic cigarette aerosol.
- **Expanding Medicaid in Alaska** - ACS CAN supports the expansion of Medicaid eligibility in order to provide access to care that otherwise might not be accessible or affordable. Options like this increase the likelihood that cancers and other chronic diseases will be found at their earliest stages where treatment can be less costly and health outcomes greatly improved.

As these measures come before you in the Alaska Legislature, please consider our positions. We are always available as a resource to you and your constituents. Your vote can reduce the burden of cancer across our state. Together, we can and will save lives.

Sincerely,

Johna Beech
Volunteer State Lead Ambassador

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
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www.acscan.org/alaska



Catholic Social Services

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Clare House

Family Disability Services

Homeless Family Services

Pregnancy Support &
Adoption Services

Refugee Assistance &
Immigration Services

St. Francis House

Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker,

Catholic Social Services supports efforts to expand Medicaid in July 2015 for the benefit of Alaskans, in particular for the vulnerable Alaskans who we serve.

Nearly 42,000 of our fellow Alaskans will be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion. Expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventative and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

There are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion, which is expected to bring more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years.

Federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond. Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this issue. The mission of Catholic Social Services is to compassionately serve the poor and those in need; strengthen individuals and families; and advocate for social justice. We believe our support of Medicaid expansion speaks to every element of our mission.

Sincerely,

Lisa D.H. Aquino, MHS
Executive Director

*Providing Help
Creating Hope*





CITY OF BARROW

"Farthest North Incorporated City"

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Office of the Governor

PRIORITY IMPORTANCE

28 March 2015

Governor Bill Walker
State Capitol
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Via FAX 907-465-8582

SUBJECT: City of Barrow Resolution in Support of Medicaid Expansion

Good afternoon, Governor Walker

Attached is a copy of City of Barrow Resolution 15-2015, "A Resolution of the Barrow City Council Encouraging and Supporting the State Legislature to Expand Medicaid Coverage to Improve the Health of Alaskans and to Improve the Alaskan Economy". The resolution was thoroughly discussed and vetted with community members prior to its adoption. All were completely in support of the resolution with not one dissenting voice being heard.

It was unanimously adopted by the City Council this past Thursday evening. I apologize for sending this to you just prior to the House Health and Social Services Committee hearing on HB 149 this afternoon. Even though the resolution was passed this past Thursday evening, I was unable to have the resolution formally attested to and stamped until about ten minutes ago. I have been unexpectedly and ridiculously short staffed for the past few weeks for a variety of reasons.

I hope that it arrives in sufficient time for your staff to distribute it prior to the meeting of the House Health and Social Services Committee. I may and may not be able to personally call in for the meeting depending on the resolution of some tenuous issues.

Sincerely,

Bob Harcharek
Mayor

Cc: Barrow City Council
files



CITY OF BARROW

"Farthest North Incorporated City"

RESOLUTION 15-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE BARROW CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALASKANS AND TO IMPROVE THE ALASKAN ECONOMY

WHEREAS, nearly forty one thousand Alaskans - our family members, friends and neighbors currently without health insurance have the opportunity to obtain health care coverage through the expansion of Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will improve the overall health of the residents of our State by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventive and primary care access, providing substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, and reducing the mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will bring more than One Billion Dollars in new federal revenue into Alaska over the first five years of its implementation; and

WHEREAS, economic analyses suggest that expansion will yield approximately 4,000 new jobs in Alaska, an increase of more than One Million Dollars in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and Two and One-Half Billion Dollars in increased economic activity throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, in this period of reduced and declining oil generated revenues, expansion of Medicaid would save the State approximately Six Million Dollars in FY2016 by using federal funds to pay for health services currently being paid with state general funds; and

WHEREAS, federal funds will pay for 100% of the services provided in the expansion of Medicaid through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will significantly reduce the burden to the State of paying for the uncompensated care rendered at non-native Alaska hospitals, which in 2013 exceeded \$90 million; and

WHEREAS, implementing Medicaid expansion throughout Alaska in the next fiscal year will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the federal resources that come with expansion is one of the State's greatest opportunity to facilitate its finance reformation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State has the option of implementing segments of numerous Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barrow City Council endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing that we all have a vested interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as healthy and as productive as possible so they can all contribute to our communities and to the economy of the State of Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Barrow City Council, through a unanimous vote, hereby formally requests the Alaska State Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BARROW CITY COUNCIL THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2015.

Attest:



Bob Harcharek, Mayor

Aolele Poe, City Clerk



City of Pelican

BOX 737 - PELICAN, ALASKA 99832 - PHONE: 735-2202/2203 - FAX: 735-2258 - EMAIL: cityhall@pelicancity.org - WEBSITE: www.pelican.net

CITY OF PELICAN RESOLUTION 2015-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PELICAN IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR BILL WALKER'S LEGISLATION RELATING TO MEDICAID EXPANSION AND REFORM

WHEREAS, Governor Walker introduced legislation (SB78/HB148) to expand Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion takes advantage of available federal resources by accepting an estimated \$146 million in federal Medicaid expansion money; and

WHEREAS, SB78/HB148 lays out the Governor's plan to reform the State of Alaska's Medicaid system to ensure the program is affordable over the long term; and

WHEREAS, the legislation makes healthcare coverage available through Medicaid to adults who earn \$20,314 or less (\$9.76 per hour) or married couples who earn \$27,490 or less; and

WHEREAS, access to healthcare improves health outcomes and increased productivity and independence; and

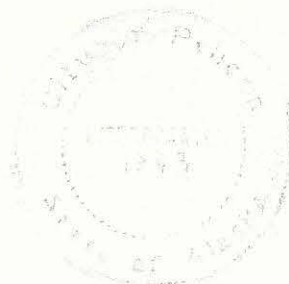
WHEREAS, more Alaskans will get preventive and primary healthcare, including behavioral health services and help in managing costly chronic diseases.

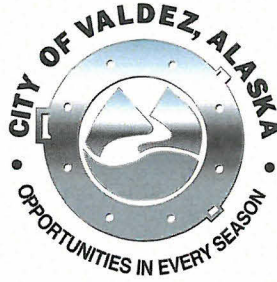
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Pelican supports passage of Governor Walker's (SB78/HB148) legislation relating to Medicaid Expansion and Reform.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

Signed: Patricia Phillips
Patricia Phillips, Mayor

Attest: Kelly L. Chapman
Kelly L. Chapman, City Clerk





April 10, 2015


29th Legislature of the State of Alaska
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

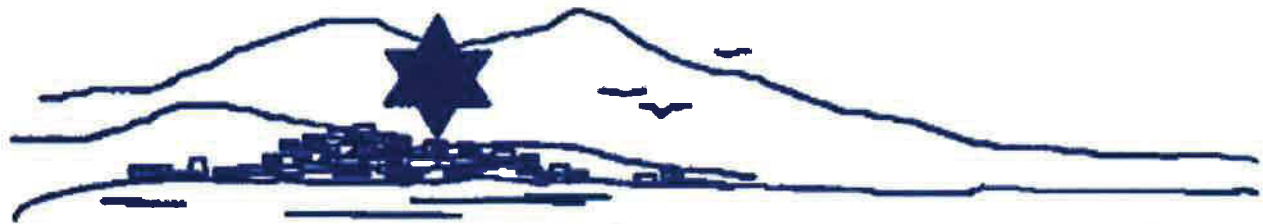
RE: Medicaid Expansion

Dear Legislators,

Please accept this letter as support for SB 78 and HB 148 regarding the Governors' efforts to expand Medicaid. While it is acknowledged that there are many facets to this issue, with some aspects perhaps not completely known at this time; the preponderance of information available does still clearly makes this initiative worth pursuing. Being able to serve more Alaskans, while simultaneously having the potential to reduce pressure on the State budget, is an opportunity that deserves to garner our attention, especially in our current environment. Therefore please make every effort to work with the Governor to move this important legislation forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


John Hozey
Valdez City Manager



Congregation Sukkat Shalom "Shelter of Peace"

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF ALASKANS, ALLOWING THEM BENEFITS SHARED BY OUR MEMBERSHIP AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE BY EXPANDING MEDICAID

WHEREAS the Jewish virtue of "tikkun olam", repairing our world, calls upon us to fix the injustice of inequality and suffering; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish tradition of "tzedakah", giving to others less fortunate, is not considered charity but "the right thing to do"; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the membership of our congregation and the entire membership of our State Legislature are blessed with the benefit of insurance coverage so that we have access to preventive and healing health care for our families and our children; and

WHEREAS, we have knowledge that tens of thousands of Alaskans do not share our same access to health care; and

WHEREAS, nearly 42,000 other Alaskans would have the opportunity to gain health care coverage under Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will improve health outcomes by reducing the numbers of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventive and primary care access, providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling, and reducing the mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion would help Alaska economically by bringing in over \$1 billion in new federal revenue over the first five years; and

WHEREAS, the State would save \$6.1 million in 2016 by using federal funds to pay for health services currently paid for with state general funds; and

WHEREAS, federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as an act of "tikkun olam", healing the world, Congregation Sukkat Shalom urges Medicaid expansion in Alaska and deems it imperative that the Alaska Legislature expands Medicaid to take effect in July, 2015.

3/16/15

211 Cordova St. ☆ PO Box 22071 ☆ Juneau, AK 99802



March 9, 2015

Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

RE: CIRI Support for Medicaid Expansion

Dear Governor Walker,

I am writing on behalf of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) to express support for your efforts to expand Medicaid in July 2015. CIRI believes Medicaid expansion provides an important opportunity to invest in the health of Alaskans and the health of our state's economy.

Medicaid expansion will give nearly 42,000 of our fellow Alaskans access to health care coverage that is otherwise unavailable to them. Expansion will improve health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, increase preventative and primary care access and provide substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

There are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion that will positively impact our state's economy, at a time we are faced with declining oil prices and the resulting budget challenges. It is estimated that Medicaid expansion will bring in more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, driving some 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion in wages and salaries and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years. In addition to new revenue, the state budget will realize significant savings as well.

Medicaid expansion also will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform. We recognize that the state must do things differently to make Medicaid sustainable and are pleased to hear that the Department of Health & Human Services has issued an RFP for technical assistance related to reform efforts. However, reform of the current program should not delay access to health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible under Medicaid expansion.

CIRI endorses Medicaid expansion and believes that healthy Alaskans are productive Alaskans who will, in turn, contribute to the health of our communities and economy as a whole.

Sincerely,

Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

Sophie Minich
President and Chief Executive Officer

FYI to
HV
Becca
Grace
Kate M

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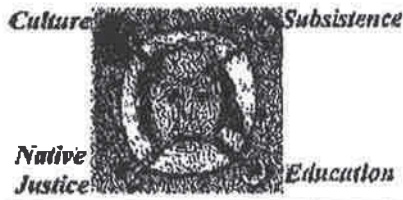
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Curyung Tribal Council
Resolution 2015-09

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO
EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF
ALASKANS AND TO IMPROVE THE ALASKAN ECONOMY**

WHEREAS: the Curyung Tribal Council is the federally recognized Alaska Native tribe serving its tribal members and the community of Dillingham; and

WHEREAS: Curyung Tribal Council, acting as the duly recognized governing body pursuant to the Constitution of Curyung, has the authority of establishing relationships and entering into contracts for the benefit and well-being of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS: nearly 42,000 of our family members, friends and neighbors have the opportunity to gain health care coverage under expansion; and

WHEREAS: Medicaid expansion will improve health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventive and primary care access, providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling, and reducing the mortality rate; and

WHEREAS: Medicaid expansion brings over \$1 billion in new federal revenue into Alaska over the first five years; and

WHEREAS: studies project expansion will likely yield 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: with expansion the State would save \$6.1 million in FY2016 by using federal funds to pay for health services currently paid for with state general funds; and,

WHEREAS: federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond; and

WHEREAS: the State's continued participation is contingent upon maintaining the 90% match; and

WHEREAS: Medicaid expansion will significantly reduce the burden of uncompensated care, which was over \$90 million at non-tribal Alaska hospitals in 2013; and

WHEREAS: Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform; and

WHEREAS: leveraging the federal resources that come with expansion is the State's biggest opportunity to finance reform efforts; and

WHEREAS: the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Curyung Tribal Council endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Curyung Tribal Council strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was duly considered and adopted by the Curyung Tribal Council in Dillingham, Alaska on March 18, 2015 at which a quorum of Council members were in attendance.

For <u>7</u>	Against <u>0</u>	Abstain <u>0</u>
Present <u>7</u>	Absent <u>0</u>	


Thomas Tilden, 1st Chief

ATTEST:


Gayla Hoseth, 3rd Chief



March 6, 2015

Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker,

This letter is written on behalf of Doyon, Limited as a statement of support for your efforts to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy.

Doyon's mission is to continually enhance its position as a financially strong Native corporation in order to promote the economic and social well-being of its shareholders and future shareholders, to strengthen its Native way of life, and to protect and enhance its land and resources.

Through Medicaid Expansion, over 40,000 of our fellow Alaskans will be eligible for health coverage. This improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured, improves preventative and primary care access, and provides substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

Medicaid expansion also provides significant associated economic benefits, including but not limited to more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years.

Doyon, Limited endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy. Again, thank you for the work you are doing on behalf of all Alaskans. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 459-2000.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Schutt
President and CEO

April 3, 2015

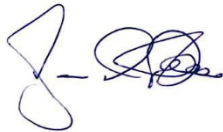
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau AK 99801

Dear Legislators,

As the President/CEO of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) I am writing you in support of HB 148 and SB 78. Alaska, and particularly Alaskans, is in troubling economic times and all reasonable measures should and must be taken to assure our citizens' continued economic and personal well-being. Expansion of Medicaid can immediately extend access to health insurance for an estimated 42,000 low-income Alaskans. Support of Medicaid Expansion not only provides a safety net to our most economically vulnerable Alaskans, it also provides Alaska with an estimated additional \$1.1 billion in Federal Revenue.

That additional Federal Revenue will create approximately 4,000 jobs and help reduce the State budget by \$6 million. Support of this legislation is a win for Alaskans and a win for Alaska. On behalf of the FEDC staff and our Board of Directors, I am asking for your support for HB 148 and SB 78.

Thank you for your consideration,



Jim Dodson
President & CEO
Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR BILL WALKER

**Department of
Health and Social Services**

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES
& SPECIAL EDUCATION
Patrick Reinhart, Executive Director

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Resolution 101

TITLE: A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALASKANS AND TO IMPROVE THE ALASKAN ECONOMY.

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WHEREAS, with expansion the State would save \$6.1 million in FY2016 by using federal funds to pay for health services currently paid for with state general funds; and,

WHEREAS, federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the State's continued participation is contingent upon maintaining the 90% match; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will significantly reduce the burden of uncompensated care, which was over \$90 million at non-tribal Alaska hospitals in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the federal resources that come with expansion is the State's biggest opportunity to finance reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

**THE GREATER FAIRBANKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION,
INCORPORATED**

RESOLUTION 2013-5

WHEREAS The Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, Incorporated ("Fairbanks Hospital Foundation") is the owner of Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, which is operated by Banner Health.


WHEREAS the Fairbanks Hospital Foundation was established to ensure that Fairbanks never again face the prospect of a community without health care by providing outstanding medical facilities and technology; overseeing an excellent operator; creating an environment that attracts quality, caring physicians who wish to be part of the community and; creating partnerships to deliver quality patient care.

WHEREAS it is the belief of the Fairbanks Hospital Foundation that the Medicaid Expansion would provide underserved patients access to healthcare, thereby increasing the quality of care to the Fairbanks community and Interior Alaska.

WHEREAS the Fairbanks Hospital Foundation recognizes the complexities of the Affordable Care Act and the challenges the Governor and State of Alaska Legislature face in navigating what is best for Alaska, but they also believe that the Governor and the State of Alaska Legislature can and will accomplish a solution.

THEREFORE the Executive Committee of the Fairbanks Hospital Foundation requests that the Governor and State of Alaska Legislature consider adopting a Medicaid Expansion plan using tailored approaches that they feel best meet the needs of the Alaskan people, thereby providing underserved patients access to healthcare.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting on October 10, 2013.


Jeffrey J. Cook
President


Michael Kelly
1st Vice-President

JUNEAU CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations



Alaska Public Employees Association/AFT
Alaska State Employees Association/AFSCME Local 52
Confidential Employees Assoc., APEA/AFT Local 6133
General Teamsters Local 959, State of Alaska
Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific, Alaska Region
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547
International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 200
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302
Juneau Career Fire Fighters Association Local 4304, IAFF

Juneau Education Association/NEA-Alaska Laborers
International Union of North America Local 942
Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, District 1
Masters, Mates & Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region
Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters Local 1281
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 262
Public Employees Local 71
Public Safety Employees Association/AFSCME Local 803
University of Alaska Federation of Teachers/AFT Local 2404

"Doing Alaska's Work, Living Alaska's Lives, Making Alaska a Great Place to Live"

26 February 2015

The Honorable State Representative Mark Neuman, Co-Chair, and
The Honorable State Representative Steve Thompson, Co-Chair, and
The Honorable Members of the Alaska House Finance Committee

RE: Medicaid Expansion

Honorable Co-Chairs Neuman and Thompson, and Honorable Committee Members:

The Juneau Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, is the local Juneau entity of the State and national AFL-CIO, and represents the organized labor organizations listed on our letterhead, above, and their approximately six thousand (6,000) members in the City & Borough of Juneau area. Including families, we estimate the CBJ labor community numbers in excess of 10,000 citizens.

We write, collectively, to urge your support for adoption of the Walker Administration's proposed Medicare Expansion initiative, which we understand and believe will be of substantial health, social and financial benefit to the state of Alaska and to all the state's residents and citizens. Medicare Expansion will save the state money, infuse new money into the state and infuse new vigor, vitality and benefit to our state's fragile and overextended medical services and care capabilities.

We believe exercising the implementation of Medicare Expansion is an important component to a more secure and better managed financial and medical services future for the state of Alaska, and we respectfully urge your committee to recommend expansion and incorporate expansion into the State House Finance Committee budget recommendations.

Thank you,


Pete Ford, President
Juneau Central Labor Council

cc: All CLC Affiliates (by email)
AFL-CIO State Federation

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 03/16/2015
Drafted by: A. G. Mead

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2724

A Resolution Urging the Alaska Legislature to Expand Medicaid Coverage to Improve the Health of Alaskans and Alaska's Economy.

WHEREAS, nearly 42,000 of our family members, friends and neighbors statewide have the opportunity to gain health care coverage under Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,400 Juneau residents are eligible for coverage under Medicaid expansion, and 1,140 of those are expected to enroll; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will improve health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventive and primary care access, providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling, and reducing the mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion brings over \$1 billion in new federal revenue into Alaska over the first five years; and

WHEREAS, Juneau enrollees alone bring in \$8.3 million in just the first year; and

WHEREAS, studies project expansion will likely yield 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid currently accounts for 23% of Bartlett Regional Hospital's patient mix; and

WHEREAS, with expansion the State would save \$6.1 million in FY2016 by using federal funds to pay for health services currently paid for with state general funds, reducing the need to cut public services; and

WHEREAS, federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the State's continued participation is contingent upon maintaining the 90% match; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will significantly reduce the burden of uncompensated care, which was over \$90 million at non-tribal Alaska hospitals in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Bartlett Regional Hospital suffers charity care and bad debt expenses of \$10 - \$13 million per year; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the federal resources that come with expansion is the State's biggest opportunity to finance reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The City and Borough of Juneau endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy.

Section 2. The City and Borough of Juneau strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, while reform efforts are of tremendous importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2015.



Merrill Sanford, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Acting Clerk





JEDC.org

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April 6, 2015

**The Honorable Governor Bill Walker
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182**

Dear Governor Walker:

The Juneau Economic Development Council Board of Directors strongly urges support for legislation to expand Medicaid in July 2015 for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy.

Nearly 42,000 of our fellow Alaskans will be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion. Expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventative and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling. There are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion, which will bring more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years.

We should view Medicaid expansion as an economic driver that will positively impact our state's economy as we are faced with declining oil prices and the resulting budget challenges. According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, healthcare and social assistance jobs grew over 30% faster between December 2013 and December 2014 for 24 states that implemented Affordable Care Act expansion on Jan. 1, 2014 than those that did not. Fitch Ratings says "...it could support a broader economic and tax base for state budgets and improve nonprofit hospital finances in those states."

In addition to new federal revenue, savings to the state budget have also been identified in the Department of Corrections, the Chronic & Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA) Program and behavioral health grants. In FY2016, the state would realize \$6.1 million in savings. Medicaid expansion is healthy for Alaskans and healthy for the state's budget. We encourage the continued internal evaluation to identify other potential savings and offsets attributable to expansion and reform.

Federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond. We support Governor Walker's position that Alaska's participation is contingent on the federal match remaining at 90%.



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Juneau Economic Development Council Board of Directors recognizes the economic benefits associated with the Medicaid expansion in Alaska and thanks you for your efforts on behalf of Alaskans and our economy.

Sincerely,

Brian Holst
Executive Director
Juneau Economic Development Council



Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council
P.O. Box 020770, Juneau, Alaska 99802
Physically located at: 3235 Hospital Drive, Juneau, AK 99801

A T & H Community of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska



Resolution 02-2015

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND MEDICAID
COVERAGE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALASKANS AND TO IMPROVE THE
ALASKAN ECONOMY**

WHEREAS, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe of more than 28,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council (JTHCC) is a federally recognized tribal political subdivision and subordinate entity of Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. The JTHCC tribal member enrollment as of January 2015 is 6,746;

WHEREAS, nearly 42,000 of our family members, friends and neighbors have the opportunity to gain health care coverage under expansion; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will improve health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventive and primary care access, providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling, and reducing the mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion brings over \$1 billion in new federal revenue into Alaska over the first five years; and

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WHEREAS, leveraging the federal resources that come with expansion is the State's biggest opportunity to finance reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid reform and expansion will provide for underserved tribal members: children in need of aid, pregnancies and birthing, people in prisons, mentally ill persons and veterans; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

Passed and approved this 12th day of March 2015, at Juneau, Alaska.

X APPROVED DISAPPROVED TABLED


26 AYES NAYS 19 ABSENT

CERTIFY



JTHCC President Janice L Hotch

ATTEST


JTHCC Secretary Louise Kadinger

Introduced by:	Smith, Mayor
Date:	02/05/13
Action:	Adopted
Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2013-014**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA ADMINISTRATION AND
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE FULLY CONSIDER THE BENEFITS TO THE
RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH WHEN
CONSIDERING THE EXPANSION OF MEDICAID UNDER THE AFFORDABLE
CARE ACT**

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act provides for expansion of Medicaid benefits by increasing the eligibility income level; and

WHEREAS, significant numbers of Kenai Peninsula Borough residents would become newly eligible for benefits if the State opted to agree to the Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS, the increase in eligible beneficiaries would provide increased care and improved health for many borough residents; and

WHEREAS, borough hospitals would see an increase in reimbursed care and a decrease in charity care; and

WHEREAS, other health care providers would see a similar benefit; and

WHEREAS, the increase in Medicaid funding would provide better health for our residents and an economic boost to the borough; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary evaluation by Northern Economics predicts for each \$1 in State funding related to Medicaid expansion, \$15.5 in new federal funds will be generated; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation also finds a net reduction of State costs because increased Medicaid eligibility will displace other costs borne by the State;

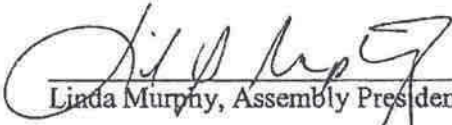
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests the State of Alaska Administration and the State Legislature to weigh heavily the great benefits that would accrue to the residents of the borough and to the borough economy while deciding whether to expand our Medicaid program.

SECTION 2. That copies of this Resolution be provided to Governor Sean Parnell and all members of the Legislature representing the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.


Liada Murphy, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Pierce, Smith, Tauriainen, Wolf, Murphy
No: None
Absent: Smalley



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P.O. Box 988 • KENAI, AK 99611

March 13, 2015

The Honorable Bill Walker
Governor of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-001

Dear Governor Walker;

The Kenaitze Indian Tribe supports your efforts to expand Medicaid in July 2015 for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy.

Nearly 42,000 of our fellow Alaskans will be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion. Expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventive and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

There are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion, which will bring more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years. We should view Medicaid expansion as an economic driver that will positively impact our state's economy as we are faced with declining oil prices and the resulting budget challenges.

In addition to new federal revenue, savings to the state budget have also been identified in the Department of Corrections, the Chronic & Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA) Program and behavioral health grants. In FY2016, the state would realize \$6.1 million in savings. Medicaid expansion is healthy for Alaskans and healthy for the state's budget. We encourage the continued internal evaluation to identify other potential savings and offsets attributable to expansion and reform.

Federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond. We support Governor Walker's position that Alaska's participation is contingent on the federal match remaining at 90%.

Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform. We are pleased to hear that the Department of Health & Human Services has issued an RFP for technical assistance related to reform efforts. Though reform of the current Medicaid program should be of utmost importance, reform efforts should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

The Kenaitze Indian Tribe endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy.

Sincerely,

Rosalie Tepp
Chairperson



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March 11, 2015

Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
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Dear Governor Walker,

Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) supports your efforts to expand Medicaid in July 2015 for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy.

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Kodiak Area Native Association endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Teuber", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Andy Teuber
President and CEO**

**Cc: Commissioner Valerie Davidson, Alaska DHSS
Monique Martin, Alaska DHSS**



The League of Women Voters

A Voice For Citizens, A Force For Change

P.O. Box 90079, Anchorage, AK 99509-0079

March 9, 2015

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Dear State of Alaska Legislators:

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The League of Women Voters of Alaska fully supports the expansion of Medicaid. The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) has long fought for basic health care for all citizens, stating the following in their Position Statement on Health Care: "Every U. S. resident should have access to a basic level of care that includes the prevention of disease, health promotion and education, primary care (including prenatal and reproductive health), acute care, long-term care and mental health care." The League also supports cost control efforts for health care that would go hand-in-hand with universal coverage as well as equity in the allocation of health care resources.

The State of Alaska has an opportunity to expand Medicaid at no immediate cost to the State through the federal Affordable Care Act. Reports from Alaska's own Department of Health and Social Services state that an expanded Medicaid program would save the State millions of dollars in Medicaid payments, reduce the number of missed work days, and bring 4000 new jobs to the State. These new jobs would come with \$1.2 billion in wages. All of these projections bring positive results to the citizens of Alaska. Expanding Medicaid seems like a wise choice for the entire State.

In addition, expansion of Medicaid would help up to 42,000 of the State's most vulnerable citizens. There is no more honorable cause for a free and democratic government than to assist the most vulnerable of its citizens. We urge all Senators and Representatives to expand access to quality health care for all Alaskans through Medicaid expansion. We are attaching the full LWVUS Position Statement for your reference.

Thank you for your service to Alaska.

Sincerely,

Pat Redmond
Pat Redmond, President

League of Women Voters of Alaska

Judy Andree
Judy Andree, Chair

LWVAK Legislative Action

cc: Governor Bill Walker, Lt. Governor Byron Mallott, DHSS Commissioner Valerie Davidson

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters of the United States: Position on Health Care

GOALS: The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that a basic level of quality health care at an affordable cost should be available to all U.S. residents. Other U.S. health care policy goals should include the equitable distribution of services, efficient and economical delivery of care, advancement of medical research and technology, and a reasonable total national expenditure level for health care.

BASIC LEVEL OF QUALITY CARE: Every U.S. resident should have access to a basic level of care that includes the prevention of disease, health promotion and education, primary care (including prenatal and reproductive health), acute care, long-term care and mental health care. Dental, vision and hearing care also are important but lower in priority. The League believes that under any system of health care reform, consumers/patients should be permitted to purchase services or insurance coverage beyond the basic level.

FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION: The League favors a national health insurance plan financed through general taxes in place of individual insurance premiums. As the United States moves toward a national health insurance plan, an employer-based system of health care reform that provides universal access is acceptable to the League. The League supports administration of the U.S. health care system either by a combination of the private and public sectors or by a combination of federal, state and/or regional government agencies. The League is opposed to a strictly private market-based model of financing the health care system. The League also is opposed to the administration of the health care system solely by the private sector or the states.

TAXES: The League supports increased taxes to finance a basic level of health care for all U.S. residents, provided health care reforms contain effective cost control strategies.

COST CONTROL: The League believes that efficient and economical delivery of care can be enhanced by such cost control methods as:

- ▲ the reduction of administrative costs,
- ▲ regional planning for the allocation of personnel, facilities and equipment,
- ▲ the establishment of maximum levels of public reimbursement to providers,
- ▲ malpractice reform,
- ▲ the use of managed care,
- ▲ utilization review of treatment,
- ▲ mandatory second opinions before surgery or extensive treatment,
- ▲ consumer accountability through deductibles and copayments.

EQUITY ISSUES: The League believes that health care services could be more equitably distributed by:

- ▲ allocating medical resources to underserved areas,
- ▲ providing for training health care professionals in needed fields of care,
- ▲ standardizing basic levels of service for publicly funded health care programs,
- ▲ requiring insurance plans to use community rating instead of experience rating,
- ▲ establishing insurance pools for small businesses and organizations.

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO INDIVIDUALS: The League believes that the ability of a patient to pay for services should not be a consideration in the allocation of health care resources. Limited resources should be allocated based on the following criteria considered together: the urgency of the medical condition, the life expectancy of the patient, the expected outcome of the treatment, the cost of the procedure, the duration of care, the quality of life of the patient after treatment, and the wishes of the patient and the family.

(Source: League of Women Voters of the United States. Impact on Issues: 2012-2014. Online.
<http://lwv.org/content/health-care>)

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Debbie Golden
Director of Program Services

December 29th, 2014

The Honorable Bill Walker
Office of the Governor
PO Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker:

On behalf of the Alaska Chapter March of Dimes, I would like to thank you for making Medicaid expansion a priority for your administration. The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of all children by preventing birth defects, preterm birth and infant mortality. We are thankful for this and other opportunities to improve the health of pregnant women and babies.

Another important aspect of our work is newborn screening. During the 2003 and 2004 legislative session, Alaska March of Dimes led the effort – with technical assistance from the Alaska Division of Public Health (ADPH) – that resulted in mandatory newborn hearing screening for all Alaska babies. In the spring of 2015, I have been told the ADPH will add screening for an important condition called Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) to the newborn metabolic screening panel. SCID is a term used to describe a group of rare inherited disorders which makes affected infants more susceptible to infection. With newborn screening, SCID can be identified early, and infants can be treated and survive. We commend ADPH for taking steps to implement this important addition to newborn screening.

In November, March of Dimes released the annual Premature Birth Report Card. The early birth of a baby has huge human and financial costs. We are disheartened to see that Alaska's grade went from an A in 2012 to a B in 2013. March of Dimes and ADPH staff are in regular communication and will continue to partner to address the problem of premature birth.

Again, thank you for already setting things in motion to improve the health of Alaska's babies and families! I look forward to continuing the strong partnership between State of Alaska and March of Dimes. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Debbie Golden, RN, MS
Director of Program Services

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Matanuska-Susitna Borough



April 8, 2015

Governor Bill Walker
Third Floor, State Capitol
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

RE: Medicaid Expansion

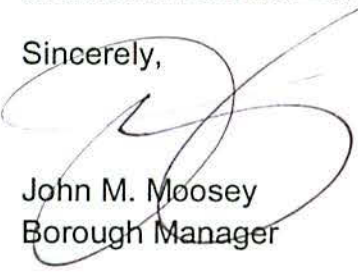
Dear Governor Walker,

The Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough endorses Governor Walker's plan for the State of Alaska to receive federal support for our uninsured by accepting Medicaid expansion. We understand that the acceptance of \$145 million in federal funding for the program will provide insurance for Alaska's most vulnerable residents. This program will have a profound impact on health care policy, which will improve Alaskans' quality of life and economic security.

Recent studies have stated that accepting federal Medicaid expansion in Alaska will prevent hundreds of premature deaths per year. It will also save money for state taxpayers according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough understands the need to reduce health costs in Alaska, and Medicaid expansion is a powerful tool to accomplish that goal.

Many groups have already endorsed Medicaid expansion in Alaska, including our state Chamber of Commerce, the state Hospital and Nursing Home Association, and now the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Sincerely,



John M. Moosey
Borough Manager

cc. Mat-Su Legislators
Borough Assembly





Medicaid Expansion and Reform: Impact on the Mat-Su

The Mat-Su Health Foundation Board supports:

- Using Medicaid expansion dollars as a catalyst to reform Medicaid to control costs and make the program more sustainable.
- Designing Alaska's Medicaid expansion as a path to self-sufficiency for individuals to ensure they enter or remain in the workforce.
- Building an "opt out" provision into State statute if the federal government reneges on its obligations.
- Expanding Medicaid to cover more Mat-Su residents so they can access care in more cost-effective ways to lead more productive lives.

The Mat-Su economy will benefit greatly from Medicaid expansion:

- Medicaid expansion will bring \$20 million in new federal revenue annually to Mat-Su.
- Medicaid expansion will lead to 72 new jobs and \$1.3 million more in wages and salaries.

The health insurance coverage gap affects Mat-Su disproportionately:

- 20% Mat-Su residents do not have health insurance, as compared to 15% of Anchorage residents and 17% of people statewide.

Mat-Su residents are more likely to be uninsured if they:

- Are white;
- Under the age of 45;
- Have a low income;
- Have not gone to college; and,
- Live in a rural part of the Borough.

Of Mat-Su residents eligible under expanded Medicaid:

- About 2000 Mat-Su residents are employed
- About 1000 Mat-Su residents are "not in the workforce," meaning they may be in school, raising a family, or retired
- Approximately 250 Mat-Su residents are unable to work
- Around 1,400 Mat-Su residents are in the labor force looking for work or seasonally employed

As many as 4,800 Mat-Su residents will be eligible for basic health care coverage if Medicaid is expanded:

- About 1,400 are between the ages of 55 and 64.
- About 1,100 age 45-54.
- About 500 age 35-44.
- About 1,500 age 19-34.

Both men and women fall in the coverage gap:

- 54% are men.

- 46% are women.

Faces of the Uninsured in Mat-Su:

John Doe: He is one of our neighbors who works several part-time jobs, none of which offer health insurance. His wages are less than 138% of the Federal Poverty Level, so he does not qualify for a subsidy to purchase insurance at healthcare.gov but is still legally required to have it or pay the penalty.

Jane Smith: She is a senior citizen who is not yet old enough to qualify for Medicare and Social Security benefits. She works at Mat-Su Senior Services, which does not provide health insurance. Like John, her wages are too low to get help buying an affordable plan in the insurance marketplace.

Jill Jones: She is a Mat-Su College student who has a part time job who is eligible to be on her parents' health insurance until age 26 – except that her parents have a small family construction business and they don't have insurance either.

Dave Green: He has worked in construction for 20 years, mostly for small firms. Last year, he fell off a roof and became critically injured. He didn't qualify for charity care at Mat-Su Regional because his income was too high the previous year. Now, he's try to get strong again so that he can work to pay back his hospital bill. With no current income, he does not qualify for a subsidy and cannot purchase insurance on the exchange.

All of these individuals will face a penalty for not having health insurance, yet none can afford to buy it. When they have a health crisis, they will either leave it untreated, or, when it gets bad enough, visit an emergency room. There, the cost of treatment will be much higher than it would have been if problems could have been addressed before they reached the crisis stage.

These stories can change with Medicaid expansion and reform.

- 4,800 Mat-Su residents will be eligible for basic health care coverage if Medicaid is expanded (40,000 statewide).

Sources: Mat-Su estimates for employment, age, and gender of potential new Medicaid enrollees were created using statewide data from the Evergreen Economic and the Department of Health and Social Services Healthy Alaska Plan and House Finance Budget Subcommittee FY2016 Division Overview report applied to the Mat-Su population. Data about how many Mat-Su residents have insurance and the characteristics of the uninsured if from the Behavioral Health Surveillance System State of Alaska, Division of Public Health.



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SENT VIA EMAIL

March 10, 2015

The Honorable Dennis Egan
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Room 417
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Senator.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov

Dear Senator Egan:

The Municipality of Skagway strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid in July 2015 for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy.

Nearly 42,000 of our fellow Alaskans will be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion. Expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventative and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

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The Municipality of Skagway endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Schaefer', written over a faint, larger blue ink signature.

Mark Schaefer
Borough Mayor



NAACP

Anchorage Branch #1000

Anchorage NAACP Urges Action on Medicaid Expansion

12/16/2014

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 12, 2014, 9:00 AM

Contact: Kevin D. McGee, (907) 441-2137

Anchorage NAACP Urges Action on Medicaid Expansion

Supports Walker Administration Efforts to Expand Coverage and Lower Costs

ANCHORAGE: The Anchorage NAACP has endorsed Governor Walker's effort to accept federal Medicaid expansion funding. Federally-funded Medicaid expansion comes at a crucial time for Alaska, as it can reduce the growth in health costs, expand health coverage, and blunt the negative economic impact of budget deficits and declining oil prices. Medicaid expansion has become even more important as it would bring billions of dollars into Alaska at a time when the state confronts budget deficits and falling oil prices.

"Thank God Bill Walker now has the opportunity to expand Medicaid. Simply accepting this federal investment is vital to lower Alaskans' health care costs, expand health care coverage, and bring much-needed economic development to our state," said Kevin McGee, 1st Vice President and Political Action Chairman of the Anchorage NAACP.

Medicaid Expansion Addresses Key Health, Economic Challenges:

- Data from across the U.S. shows that Medicaid expansion can lower health costs, and that lack of Medicaid expansion traps consumers with higher insurance costs. After Parnell failed to expand Medicaid and failed to conduct oversight of insurance companies, Alaskans faced the highest-in-the-nation cost increases. Now Walker has an opportunity to bring down the cost of health care with Medicaid expansion, reversing damage done by Parnell.
- Medicaid expansion could expand health coverage to some 41,500 Alaskans, according to the ANTHC. This reform will improve Alaskans health, save hundreds of Alaskans per year from premature death, and reduce the number of babies born prematurely.
- Medicaid expansion will bring billions of dollars of investment and thousands of jobs to Alaska, according to the ANTHC. This economic development is vital at a time when budget deficits and falling oil prices have imperiled Alaska's economy.

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WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, NAMI JUNEAU, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NAMI JUNEAU strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

Crystal Bourland, Executive Director

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Address: 9000 Glacier Highway, Suite 201, Juneau, AK 99801-8032

March 6, 2015

Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker,

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Sincerely,



Wayne Westlake
President/CEO

March 16, 2015

The Honorable Governor Walker
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Governor Walker,

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Sincerely,
Stephanie Johnson, LMSW
NASW-AK President

Resolution 1

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Resolution No. 2015-03

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CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that on 19th day of March, 2015, a quorum of the NATIVE VILLAGE OF WHITE MOUNTAIN was formed and did pass and adopt the preceding resolution by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and 4 absent.


Peter G. Buck, President

ATTEST: 
Enid J. Lincoln, Secretary



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March 25, 2015

The Honorable Senator Donny Olson
State Senate
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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President, Native Village of White Mountain



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Peter G. Buck
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March 16, 2015

Honorable Bill Walker
Governor, State of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99511-0001

Dear Governor Walker,

On behalf of Alaska's 13,000 education support professionals and teachers, in order to improve the health, safety, and well-being of our 130,000 public school students, I am writing to affirm NEA-Alaska's support of Medicaid expansion in Alaska.

Some may not see Medicaid expansion as an education issue. As someone who taught in our schools for over 30 years with some of Anchorage's most at-risk students, including at Clark Middle School and the McLaughlin Youth Center, I can tell you that the lack of access to quality, affordable healthcare in our communities directly impacts too many Alaskan children. When I taught at Clark and McLaughlin, I went to work every day to help as many of my students as possible to succeed and turn their lives around. I wish I could tell you that all of them did, but that is not the world we live in.

In 2014, NEA-Alaska partnered with the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Alaska PTA, United Way of Anchorage, Citizens for the Educational Advancement of Alaska's Children, and a number of other partners to commission a statewide study by Northern Economics on the social and environmental issues that are impacting student learning and achievement in Alaska. The results were clear: parents and teachers alike found that student learning was severely impacted by a number of issues outside the classroom, such as poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, and domestic violence. These issues leave children without safe and supportive home environments, which can lead to chronic absence, a lack of academic preparation, and low levels of student achievement.

Too many of my students had the deck stacked against them by these social and economic factors. Would Medicaid expansion solve all these issues? No, but it would surely help some of our most disadvantaged students. Medicaid expansion is no silver bullet, but it would reduce the number of uninsured Alaskans by half – extending health coverage to more than 40,000 low-income Alaskans. Many of these new enrollees will *not* have dependent children (some will, but many low-income children are already covered by Medicaid and Denali KidCare), but expanding health coverage in low-income communities and neighborhoods will improve the quality of life for all the children who live in them.

By most estimates, Medicaid expansion will bring \$1.1 billion in new federal revenue into Alaska. It will create 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity across Alaska. In addition, Medicaid expansion will create millions in cost savings for the state of Alaska at a time when we are searching for ways to close a projected \$3.5 billion budget deficit.

Honorable Bill Walker
March 16, 2015
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As educators, we are deeply committed to the success of every one of our students. Medicaid expansion will be good for the state, it will be good for the economy, but for us this issue comes down to one simple statement: Medicaid expansion will be good for our students.

Thank you for taking action on one of the most important public policy issues that will affect Alaska's students this legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Fuhrer", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Ron Fuhrer
President

cc: Alaska Legislature

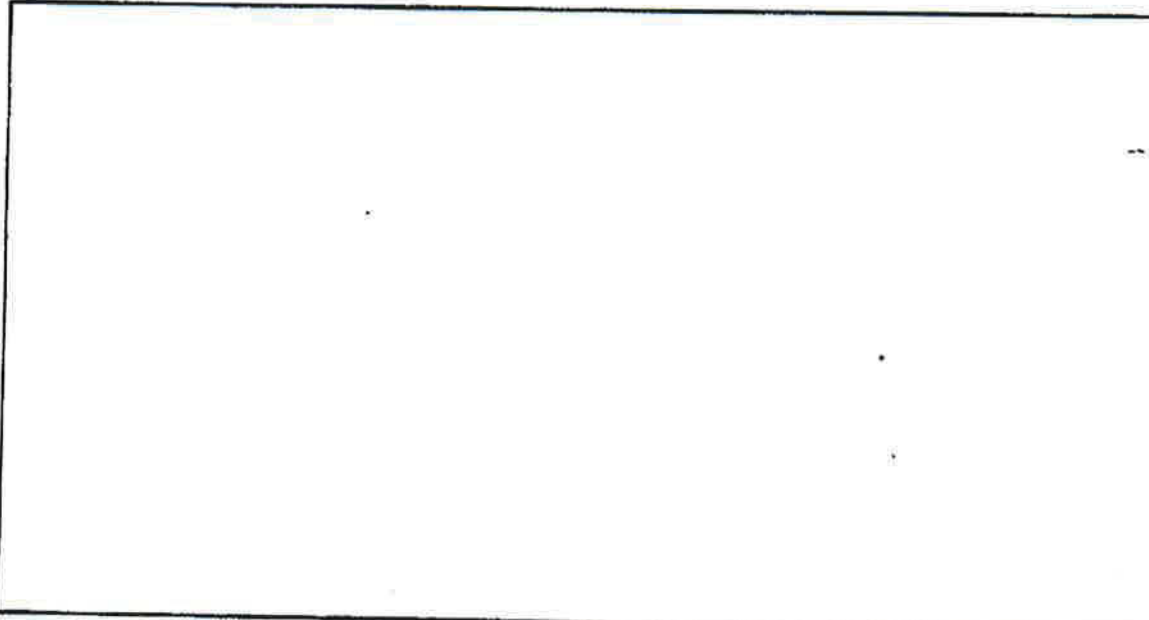
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Resolution 2015- 02

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO
EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF
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WHEREAS, nearly 42,000 of our family members, friends and neighbors have the opportunity to gain health care coverage under expansion; and

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WHEREAS, the State's continued participation is contingent upon maintaining the 90% match; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will significantly reduce the burden of uncompensated care, which was over \$90 million at non-tribal Alaska hospitals in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the federal resources that come with expansion is the State's biggest opportunity to finance reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, New Koliganek Village Council endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that New Koliganek Village Council strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

Passed and approved on the 19 day of March 2015.


Tribal Council President

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Resolution 03-05-15-1

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WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Nondalton Tribal Council endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nondalton Tribal Council strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Nondalton Tribal Council at a duly called regular meeting of the Nondalton Tribal Council and was adopted by a vote of 7 for, and 0 against with 0 abstention 0 absent, this 1st day of March, 2015.

William Evanoff
William Evanoff,
President

Kristy Jeffries
Kristy Jeffries,
Secretary

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March 3, 2015

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
State Senate
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Murkowski,

Nondalton Tribal Council strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid in July 2015 for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy.

Nearly 42,000 of our fellow Alaskans will be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion. Expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventative and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

There are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion, which will bring more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years. We should view Medicaid expansion as an economic driver that will positively impact our state's economy as we are faced with declining oil prices and the resulting budget challenges.

In addition to new federal revenue, savings to the state budget have also been identified in the Department of Corrections, the Chronic & Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA) Program and behavioral health grants. In FY2016, the state would realize \$6.1 million in savings. Medicaid expansion is healthy for Alaskans and healthy for the state's budget. We encourage the continued internal evaluation to identify other potential savings and offsets attributable to expansion and reform.


Federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond. We support Governor Walker's position that Alaska's participation is contingent on the federal match remaining at 90%.

Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform. We are pleased to hear that the Department of Health & Human Services has issued an RFP for technical assistance related to reform efforts. Though reform of the current Medicaid

program should be of utmost importance, reform efforts should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

Nondalton Tribal Council endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy.

Sincerely,



William Evanoff,
President



Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest

Governor Bill Walker
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Medicaid Expansion

March 18, 2015

Dear Governor Walker,

On behalf of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest, I write today to thank you for your leadership and for introducing legislation to expand Medicaid in Alaska. As a healthcare provider that serves thousands of low-income women and men every year, we are keenly aware of the needs of vulnerable adults in Alaska.

Today, a childless adult without a disability making less than \$20,000 has no affordable health care coverage available. This has to change. We cannot continue to abandon our most vulnerable Alaskans. Expansion would bring nearly 42,000 people onto Medicaid, finally giving them access to preventive coverage like vaccinations, cancer screenings, and mental health services. What's more, the increase in healthcare usage will be an economic driver, creating thousands of jobs and generating billions in new wages and economic activity.

Medicaid expansion also gives Alaskans the opportunity to take entrepreneurial risks without the fear of losing insurance coverage. Expansion would ensure coverage for working adults while they look for work, start a business, or seek an education. Instead of worrying about how—or if—they can get health care, Alaskans can focus on building businesses, bettering themselves, and growing our economy.

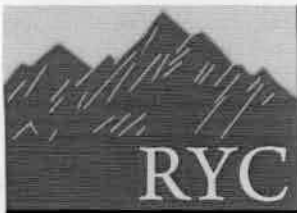
With expansion, Alaskans who have been foregoing care to manage their high blood pressure so they can pay rent will no longer have to make that decision. Women who have put off their annual visits for years so they can afford bus fare can finally get cancer screenings. Our neighbors will no longer see the emergency room as their only health care option. Expansion gives us the opportunity to do what is right for all Alaskans.

We appreciate your leadership and hard work on bringing change to Alaska. We look forward to supporting your efforts to bring Medicaid to our most vulnerable Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Jessica Cler
Alaska Public Affairs Manager

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Residential Youth Care Inc.

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March 16, 2015

RE: Medicaid Expansion

To Whom It May Concern:

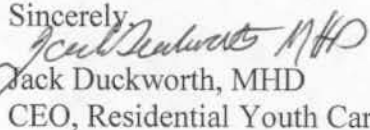
Our organization serves a high risk population: adolescents who have experienced trauma, emotional/behavioral difficulties, and/or significant functional impairments that act as barriers to a productive and successful life. We serve youth who have such difficulties that they require a residential level of care to assist in stabilizing their behaviors. These youth are at higher risk of dropping out of school, having substance abuse issues, becoming involved with the legal system, and having lifelong chronic health issues.

As a youth-serving agency, Medicaid expansion won't necessarily impact the population we currently serve. Yet, we support Medicaid expansion. In addition to the obvious benefits related to job creation and unburdening the state's general fund, RYC acknowledges the moral imperative of providing access to health care for a segment of Alaska's population that desperately needs it. Year after year our organization has the bittersweet experience of seeing young people become legal adults and go from an environment of wraparound supports and services to attempted self-reliance. Many of these young adults come back to us, years later, with the same struggles but without the resources to access the help they need in order to stabilize and regain success. It is not new information that Alaska faces enormous social challenges with regard to behavioral health issues. These are particularly wicked problems because they impact so many other areas of a person's life: school, work, home, community, relationships, and health. The loss to our state in human capital and productivity is colossal, and unconscionable.

We know, better than most perhaps, that the payment and eligibility systems are problematic, and present a barrier to efficient delivery of Medicaid services. However, the challenges that face the state with regard to these "broken" systems should not be justification for allowing a broken citizenry to flounder. Rather than restricting access to care, we request the state work hard to repair these systems, and expand Medicaid, because when it comes down to it a year of coverage can make a world of difference for a young adult. It can be the difference between homelessness and self-sufficiency, dependence and employment, and sometimes death and life. Therefore, Medicaid expansion is a legitimate strategic step toward helping our citizens and former clients.

While fixing the system while adding to it will no doubt be hard work, we have always held tightly to the belief that Alaskans are some of the hardest working people in the nation. And we're going to have to be to make a real difference in the lives of youth and adults who witness some of the highest rates of violence, suicide, substance abuse, and homicide in the nation. The payoff, though, will be great, and we believe we will all see the benefits in years to come.

Sincerely,


Jack Duckworth, MHD
CEO, Residential Youth Care

RESOLUTION 2015-10**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE TO
IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALASKANS AND TO IMPROVE
THE ALASKAN ECONOMY.**

WHEREAS, nearly 42,000 of our family members, friends and neighbors have the opportunity to gain health care coverage under expansion; and

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WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 10th day of March 2015.


Matt Hunter, Deputy Mayor**ATTEST:**
Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk



Sitka Tribe of Alaska
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Sitka, Alaska 99835

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Tribal Council Resolution 2015-027

*Urging the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid coverage
the health of Alaskans and to improve the Alaskan economy*

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska is the federally recognized tribal government for more than 4,084 enrolled tribal citizens in Sitka, Alaska, organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 as amended; and

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska is responsible for the health, safety, welfare, and cultural preservation of its tribal citizens and their use of the Sitka Tribe traditional territory; and

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska's traditional territory reflects the lands and waters historically and presently the stewardship responsibility of the Sheet'ka Kwáan and as such are composed of the western side of Baranof Island, the greater reaches of Peril Strait, southwestern portions of Chichagof Island and the myriad of islands as well as the waters between these locations; and

WHEREAS, Article VII Section 9(1)(h) of the Constitution of Sitka Tribe of Alaska specifically directs the Sitka Tribal Council "to protect and preserve the Tribal property, wildlife, and natural resources within those areas under the jurisdiction of the Tribe"; and

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WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of Sitka Tribe of Alaska endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of Sitka Tribe of Alaska strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

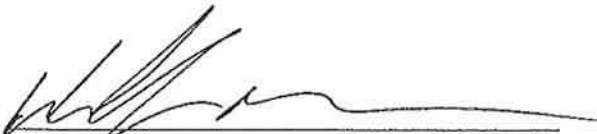
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called meeting of the Tribal Council of Sitka Tribe of Alaska, held on March 18, 2015, and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 IN FAVOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT.

Attest:

Sitka Tribe of Alaska - Tribal Chairman

Michael A. Baines



Sitka Tribe of Alaska - Tribal Secretary



Resolution

TITLE: A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALASKANS AND TO IMPROVE THE ALASKAN ECONOMY.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc. (SAIL) endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SAIL strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.


Robert J. Purvis, Board Chair
Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc. (SAIL)

03-13-15
Date

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL of ALASKA



Resolution

WHEREAS, with Medicaid expansion, over 40,000 Alaskans between the ages of 19 and 64 will have access to healthcare, and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid expansion would cut in half the number of uninsured Alaskan, and, at least 4,000 jobs will be generated, and more than a billion new federal dollars will be infused into the Alaska economy over the next five years, and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid expansion program will improve the numbers of Alaskans who have access to preventative and primary care; and

WHEREAS, the revamped system will ensure these individuals have access to appropriate levels of healthcare services in the most cost effective settings, to not only improve the quality of life for their families, but also reduce costs to the system, and

WHEREAS, studies show Medicaid expansion would result in a \$2.5 billion increase in economic activity throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the same studies show there will be fewer lost work days and less employee turnover, and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the federal resources that come with expansion is the State's biggest opportunity to finance reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Statewide Independent Living Council of Alaska (SILC) endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SILC strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

Joan O'Keefe, Chair
Statewide Independent Living Council of Alaska

03-13-15
Date



SUPPORTING MEDICAID EXPANSION IN ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

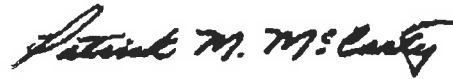
- WHEREAS,** the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides states with additional funding to expand their Medicaid program to cover adults under the age of 65 and children under the age of 18 who live slightly above the federal poverty level; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska has chosen not to participate in Medicaid expansion; however, Governor Walker is seriously considering it; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska's Medicaid program is unsustainable as currently designed and needs reform in order to best serve the health of Medicaid beneficiaries, operate more efficiently for providers, and improve value; and
- WHEREAS,** nearly 42,000 Alaskans, including almost 6,000 in the Interior, would be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion in Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** studies have shown that Medicaid expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventative and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling; and
- WHEREAS,** studies have also shown that there are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion, which will bring more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years; and
- WHEREAS,** Other benefits of Medicaid Expansion include bringing Alaska tax dollars back to Alaska and potentially stabilizing rising insurance premiums and medical prices by reducing uncompensated care that health providers currently provide to Alaskans with no insurance coverage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports Medicaid expansion for Alaska.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2015 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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Pat McCarty
Secretary/Treasurer





RESOLUTION 2015-07

**TITLE: TANGIRNAQ NATIVE VILLAGE aka WOODY ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND MEDICAID
COVERAGE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALASKANS AND TO IMPROVE THE
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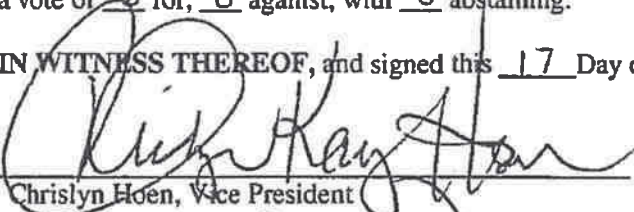
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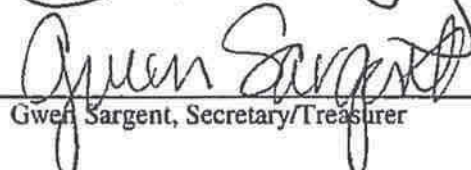
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, TANGIRNAQ NATIVE VILLAGE endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Tangirnaq Native Village, aka Woody Island Tribal Council at which time a quorum of Council members were in attendance. This resolution was adopted by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, with 0 abstaining.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, and signed this 17 Day of March, 2015.


Chrislyn Hoen, Vice President


Gwen Sargent, Secretary/Treasurer



March 13, 2015

Office of Governor Bill Walker
Alaska State Capitol
PO box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Walker,

Tangirnaq Native Village, aka Woody Island Tribal Council, strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid in July 2015 for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy.

Nearly 42,000 of our fellow Alaskans will be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion. Expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventative and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

There are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion, which will bring more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years. We should view Medicaid expansion as an economic driver that will positively impact our state's economy as we are faced with declining oil prices and the resulting budget challenges.

In addition to new federal revenue, savings to the state budget have also been identified in the Department of Corrections, the Chronic & Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA) Program and behavioral health grants. In FY2016, the state would realize \$6.1 million in savings. Medicaid expansion is healthy for Alaskans and healthy for the state's budget. We encourage the continued internal evaluation to identify other potential savings and offsets attributable to expansion and reform.


Federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond. We support Governor Walker's position that Alaska's participation is contingent on the federal match remaining at 90%.

Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform. We are pleased to hear that the Department of Health & Human Services has issued an RFP for technical assistance

related to reform efforts. Though reform of the current Medicaid program should be of utmost importance, reform efforts should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

Tangirnaq Native Village, aka Woody Island Tribal Council endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy.

Sincerely,

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Robert Stauffer
Tribal Administrator
On behalf of Tribal Council
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February 17, 2015

Governor Bill Walker
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker,

Thank you for your efforts to expand Medicaid in Alaska under the Affordable Care Act.

United Way of Anchorage has consistently supported Medicaid expansion. Access to health care is a core goal for us, and access to insurance coverage is a critical aspect of all Alaskans planning for and taking care of their health needs. To that end, UWA has served for two years as a navigator under the Affordable Care Act, and Alaska 2-1-1 has been a focal point for getting Alaskans connected with information and assistance for ACA and other enrollment opportunities.

Going forward, we appreciate that Medicaid expansion is not just a yes/no policy decision. It begins with that, certainly, but it will take a cross-sector, systematic approach to make it happen as smoothly as possible. We stand ready to assist you and the State.

Similarly, we offer you our partnership in helping improve other health and quality of life outcomes for Alaskans. In these tough financial times, we must break down the siloes among the sectors to join forces and resources around a shared vision for Alaskans to lead stable, healthy, and safe lives. Alaska 2-1-1 serves clients statewide, with over 3000 resources in the database, and robust provider partnerships throughout the state. That, coupled with United Way of Anchorage's focus on multi sector, data driven, results-focused collaboration, is a platform for the public private partnerships we all need to measurably improve the lives of Alaskans.

Best regards,


Michele Brown
President

cc Commissioner Valerie Davidson

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Valley Medical Care Medicaid Expansion

TITLE: A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALASKANS AND TO IMPROVE THE ALASKAN ECONOMY.

WHEREAS, Valley Medical Care is the largest primary care provider in Juneau, Alaska, comprised of 11 board certified Family Physicians and 6 advanced nurse practitioners; and

WHEREAS, On a daily basis we see the adverse health consequences Alaskans suffer from the lack of health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, nearly 42,000 of our family members, friends and neighbors have the opportunity to gain health care coverage under expansion; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will improve health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventive and primary care access, providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling, and reducing the mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion brings over \$1 billion in new federal revenue into Alaska over the first five years; and

WHEREAS, studies project expansion will likely yield 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, with expansion the state would save \$6.1 million in FY2016 by using federal funds to pay for health services currently paid for with state general funds; and,

WHEREAS, federal funds will pay for 100% of services provided to the expansion population through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the State's continued participation is contingent upon maintaining the 90% match; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will significantly reduce the burden of uncompensated care, which was over \$90 million at non-tribal Alaska hospitals in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will serve as a catalyst for meaningful Medicaid reform; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the federal resources that come with expansion is the State's biggest opportunity to finance reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State has the option of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Valley Medical Care endorses Medicaid expansion, recognizing we all have an interest in ensuring that Alaskans are as productive as possible so they can contribute to our communities and economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Valley Medical Care strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to expand Medicaid for the benefit of Alaskans and the Alaska economy to take effect in July 2015 and, though reform efforts should be of utmost importance, this work should not delay health care coverage for those Alaskans who would be eligible for Medicaid under expansion.

Don Schneider, MD
Valley Medical Care PC President

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Declaration of Agreement

The undersigned, representing health and social service industries and key stakeholders in Alaska present this unified position regarding the goal of Coverage for All Alaskans. We agree to the purpose and principles declared herein, and will support each other as we work to achieve them through educational advocacy efforts.

We concur that the purpose of agreement is to advise and recommend to the Governor and Legislature of the State of Alaska to:

Fully leverage federal Medicaid Expansion dollar to cover uninsured Alaskans and to build a better Alaska health care delivery system.

The parties to this letter of agreement also concur to the following guiding principles on the operation and implementation of the development of the Alaska solution to achieve Coverage for All Alaskans:

1. All Alaskans will have access to basic health care coverage
 - Basic: defined as essential health benefits under the Affordable Care Act (ACA); including for Alaska: vision, dental and medically necessary travel.
2. Health care providers will receive reasonable and sustainable compensation for services provided
 - Providers include: health care professionals, licensed clinicians, health related entities and facilities.
3. Minimize uncompensated care that results in cost shifting
4. We support the Institute for Health Care Improvement's Triple Aim Framework: improve the health of the population served, enhance the patient care experience, affordability measured by the total cost.

The Coverage for All Alaskans Partnership is not a closed group and additional parties are encouraged to join by attesting to agree to the purpose and principles.

This letter of support was agreed by this group:

Alaska Primary Care Association, United Way of Anchorage, Effective Health Design, Catholic Social Services, Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Foundation, Professional Nursing Consultants, American Cancer Society, Alaska Native Health Board, Foraker Group, Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, Alaska AIDS Assistance Association, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, AARP, American Lung Association in Alaska, Mat-Su Health Foundation, Enroll Alaska, Alaska Physicians & Surgeons, Alaska Legal Services Corp. Identity. Inc., Iliuliuk Family and Health Services