

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 14-41

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, MONTANA TO ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDS TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE TO 70,000 LOW-INCOME MONTANANS; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREIN.

WHEREAS, All Montanans should have access to quality, affordable healthcare, and;

WHEREAS, accepting federal funds to expand Montana's Medicaid program or provide health coverage through other means would give access to health care to 70,000 low-income Montanans; and

WHEREAS, accepting these federal funds in Montana will provide health coverage for working parents, farmers and ranchers, veterans, Native Americans, and low-wage workers; and

WHEREAS, by refusing to accept these federal funds, Montana is losing out on \$1.84 million in federal funds per day; and

WHEREAS, the City-County of Butte-Silver Bow has 1,895 uninsured residents currently eligible for Medicaid under expansion, and would receive \$14,781,000.00 in additional anticipated Medicaid spending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF

THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, STATE OF MONTANA SUPPORTS THE State of Montana accepting federal funds to cover up to 70,000 low-income Montanans:

SECTION 1: The Council of Commissioners does hereby declare its acceptance of federal funds to cover up to 70,000 low-income Montanans.

SECTION 2: All Montanans should have access to quality, affordable healthcare.

SECTION 3: Accepting federal funds to expand Montana's Medicaid program or provide health coverage through other means would give access to health care to 70,000 low-income Montanans.

SECTION 4: Accepting these federal funds in Montana will provide health coverage for working parents, farmers and ranchers, veterans, Native Americans, and low-wage workers.

SECTION 5: By refusing to accept these federal funds, Montana is losing out on \$1.84 million in federal funds per day.

SECTION 6: The City-County has 1,895 uninsured residents currently eligible for Medicaid under expansion, and would receive \$14,781,000.00 in additional anticipated Medicaid spending.

SECTION 10: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and approval.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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CINDISHAW  
ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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MATT VINCENT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

SALLY J. HOLLIS  
CLERK AND RECORDER

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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EILEEN JOYCE  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

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WILLIAM O. ANDERSEN  
CHAIRMAN, JUDICIARY COMMITTEE