

RESOLUTION NO. 020624-A

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S EXPANSION OF MEDICAID IN THE STATE OF KANSAS.

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court decision held that states had the option to expand Medicaid eligibility to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level, as provided by the Affordable Care Act; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 40 states, including all states surrounding Kansas, have expanded Medicaid coverage for their residents; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas has not expanded Medicaid coverage; and,

WHEREAS, if the State of Kansas expanded Medicaid coverage through its KanCare program, more Kansans would have access to health care and improved physical and mental health, helping them be a part of the workforce, care for their families and be productive citizens; and,

WHEREAS, if the State of Kansas expanded Medicaid coverage through its KanCare program, hospitals and emergency medical services would receive critical federal and state funding to support health care jobs and enhance their fiscal vitality; and,

WHEREAS, 4,068 people in Riley County, or 6.1% of the County population (2020 estimates) are uninsured; and,

WHEREAS, KanCare expansion would provide health care coverage for an estimated 150,000 low-income Kansans resulting in increased access to preventative health services and improved community health outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, KanCare expansion could result in significant economic impact within the State, including increased health care spending in the City of Manhattan; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government will pay 90% of the costs of expansion, and the State of Kansas would pay 10% of the costs, providing an out-sized benefit to Kansas at a minimal state-wide cost; and,

WHEREAS, the State's costs of expansion would be further offset by savings to state and local governments for the costs of mental health and medical services delivered in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manhattan, desires to join with the League of Kansas Municipalities in its support for Medicaid expansion in its 2024 Statement of Municipal Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The governing body of the City of Manhattan declares its support for the expansion of Medicaid (KanCare) in the State of Kansas, for its benefits to the health and welfare of individuals, the workforce, health care providers, and the economy.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN, KANSAS, THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

Wynn Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda K. Wolf, CMC, City Clerk