A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF VOTER APPROVED MEDICAID EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the people of Salt Lake County voted overwhelmingly in favor of Proposition 3 at 61.45% joining the rest of the state of Utah which also voted in favor of Proposition 3.

WHEREAS, Medicaid programs substantially impact many residents of Salt Lake County.

WHEREAS, access to healthcare is proven to mitigate much more costly impacts in the future.

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County opposes efforts to delay or limit coverage the intent of a full Medicaid expansion in a narrower way than outlined in the public vote.

WHEREAS, funding has been identified to cover costs which the voters approved.

WHEREAS, work requirements go against the intent of the voter and are proven not to incentivize productivity and create costly complications for recipients and program implementation.

WHEREAS, additional barriers, such as work requirements, would require a federal waiver and thus delay implementation of the expansion.

WHEREAS, evidence shows that a full Medicaid expansion will enable Salt Lake County government to more effectively meet its human services mission by expanding health care to an underserved population as well as decreasing jail recidivism due to a continuity of services for many inmates upon release.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Council strongly urges the Governor and Utah's Legislature to honor the will of the Utah voter, not delay the implementation, nor create barriers that reduce enrollment in the Medicaid expansion population. APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of January 2019.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

Richard Snelgrove, Chair Salt Lake County Council

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