

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Texas has more uninsured residents than any other state in the union (6.2 million people or 35% of the population);

WHEREAS, one-in-three El Paso residents are without health insurance coverage;

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Perry has rejected up to \$112 billion in new federal Medicaid funds over the next ten years; including an estimated 135,000 El Paso residents who will benefit and gain health coverage under the Medicaid program;

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Perry states; “I oppose both the expansion of Medicaid as provided in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the creation of a so-called “state” insurance exchange, because both represent brazen intrusions into the sovereignty of our state.” This statement is completely subjective and an unjustly action against uninsured residents in Texas;

WHEREAS, federal funding for the Medicaid expansion program will be redirected from Texas to other states to cover their low-income residents if rejected by Governor Rick Perry;

WHEREAS, loss of additional federal funding will further marginalize the poor in the El Paso community and will have a profound impact on doctors and hospitals that care for them;

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso is firmly committed in supporting uninsured El Paso residents and the expansion of the Medicaid program in Texas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City of El Paso, and their duly elected Mayors and Representatives, support the expansion of Medicaid program in Texas and find that if rejected, would be detrimental to our communities and economic prosperity.