

RESOLUTION



STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF TOM GREEN

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WHEREAS, Whereas, Texas has the highest rate of uninsured, at 23 percent, and underinsured in the country; and,

WHEREAS, 23,994 residents comprising 22.5 percent of Tom Green County are uninsured; and,

WHEREAS, the expansion of Medicaid would provide eligibility to 1.5 million more Texans and allow them to seek the medical care they need; and,

WHEREAS, Medicaid already helps over 2.5 million Texans children, but Medicaid covers only about 225,000 of their parents; and,

WHEREAS, Expanding Medicaid would add \$36,042,180 in annual Medicaid funds to Tom Green County and generate millions of dollars in economic activity; and,

WHEREAS, Getting parents health coverage is one of the best things we can do to create productive workers and ensure the health and economic stability of Texas families; and,

WHEREAS, The federal government will cover the entire cost of expanding Medicaid for the first three years, will pay no less than 90% of total thereafter, and from 2014-2017 expansion will bring \$27.2 billion in federal revenue to Texas for just \$3.1 billion in state investment at the proposed match rates for statewide expansion; and,

WHEREAS, Preventive care will allow newly eligible Medicaid participants to receive primary care rather than emergency room care saving both money and lives; and,

WHEREAS, Covering the uninsured means better premium value for Texans with private health insurance by lowering costs for everyone; and,

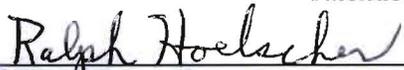
WHEREAS, Texas hospitals provide over \$5 billion a year in uncompensated care, and local county taxes help pay for much of this care, covering Texans through Medicaid will lower county costs for this care; and,

WHEREAS, Texans federal tax dollars will be supporting Medicaid expansion in other states; and,

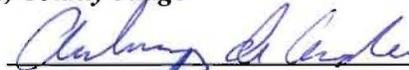
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tom Green County supports and endorses the full expansion of Medicaid coverage to all Texas U.S. citizen adults living at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level, and calls on all federal, state, local and healthcare leaders to work together collaboratively to craft a Texas plan to improve Medicaid delivery and provide for full expansion.



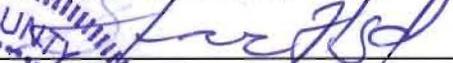
Michael D. Brown, County Judge



Ralph Hoelscher, Comm. Pct 1



Aubrey deCordova, Comm. Pct. 2



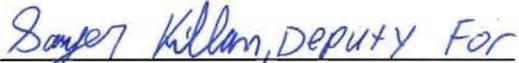
Steve Floyd, Comm. Pct 3



Bill Ford, Comm. Pct 4



ATTEST:



Elizabeth "Liz" McGill, Tom Green County Clerk