FLORENCE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2019-17

Introduced By: Public Health Department

Intent: Request the Wisconsin State Legislature to Accept Federal Medicaid Expansion

WHEREAS, All people deserve the opportunity to live in a state that creates conditions for everyone to be healthy; and

WHEREAS, Public policy should strive toward the elimination of health disparities; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to provide healthcare coverage to the state’s most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Accepting federal Medicaid expansion dollars will provide coverage to more than 82,000 residents living between 100 and 138 of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to also support investing in health programs that build a healthier Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Accepting federal Medicaid expansion dollars generates $324.5 million in savings to the state, and;

WHEREAS, the $324.5 million in generated saving could be invested back into health care programs including the Health Women, Healthy Babies Initiative, lead poisoning reduction, dental care Medical Assistance, tobacco cessation programs, and Community Health Benefits; and

WHEREAS, Public health departments believe the state has an exciting opportunity to invest in health-related programs that will have a significant impact for Wisconsin citizens, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Florence County Board of Supervisors urges the state legislature to accept federal Medicaid expansion dollars made available by the Affordable Care Act if additional Income Maintenance funding is awarded to Consortia to fully support the administration of program expansion.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF FLORENCE COUNTY THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY 2019

JEANETTE BOMBERG, COUNTY BOARD CHAIRPERSON

DONNA TRUDELL, COUNTY CLERK