

## **Resolution Supporting Medicaid Expansion in Idaho**

**WHEREAS**, with Medicaid expansion, Idaho will see a positive economic impact of \$622 million in savings and tax revenue over ten years and 16,000 new jobs across all sectors, and

**WHEREAS**, the Medicaid expansion procure program will provide a transformed system of healthcare delivery based on personal accountability for the eligible uninsured in Idaho, 64% of whom are employed, and

**WHEREAS**, the revamped system will ensure these individuals have access to appropriate levels of healthcare services in the most cost effective settings, to not only improve the quality of life for their families, but also reduce costs to the system, and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Medicaid expansion in Idaho is to improve health status for all Idaho individuals, families, communities and workers, and

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid expansion would remove the tax burden to Idaho taxpayers for the nearly \$70 million that is currently being paid by the county indigent and state catastrophic care program, as 90% of these patients would qualify for Medicaid expansion;

**WHEREAS**, with Medicaid expansion and repeal of the Idaho Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program, the projected savings at the county level alone between the years 2014 – 2024 could be as much as \$478,100,000. (Number taken from Statement of Purpose, H0308)

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health, support Medicaid Expansion in Idaho which will provide cost effective healthcare services for low income, uninsured Idahoans.