

1 HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA

2 RESOLUTION NO. 20-

3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA,  
4 URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE MEDICAID  
5 EXPANSION FOR THOSE QUALIFIED IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS  
6 THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH AND UNEMPLOYMENT  
7 EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR  
8 SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9 WHEREAS, the city of Hallandale Beach prides itself on the well-being and  
10 health of all its residents; and

11 WHEREAS, a remarkable and unconscionable 15.3% or 297,833 residents of  
12 Broward County are estimated to be uninsured for healthcare by the 2019 Census  
13 American Community Survey data<sup>1</sup>; and

14 WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic healthcare coverage is a need  
15 especially for Floridians who have lost their employer sponsored healthcare due to  
16 rising unemployment as was seen in the Great Recession of 2008-09; and

17 WHEREAS, Medicaid is a public health insurance program for low income  
18 people that was started in 1965 and in Florida nearly 4 million people have their  
19 healthcare covered through Medicaid who are mostly children, pregnant women,  
20 parents, seniors over the age of 65, people with disabilities; and

21 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides for the  
22 federal funding for states to expand Medicaid to all citizens earning less than 138% of  
23 the federal poverty level; and

24 WHEREAS, this Medicaid expansion would extend insurance coverage to more  
25 than 800,000 Floridians<sup>2</sup>; and

26 WHEREAS, according to the Florida Policy Institute, Florida would see net state  
27 budget savings of roughly \$200 million in Fiscal Year 2022-23 by expanding the  
28 Medicaid program<sup>3</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

<sup>2</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation. "The Coverage Gap: Uninsured Poor Adults in States that Do Not Expand Medicaid." <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/the-coverage-gap-uninsured-poor-adults-in-states-that-do-not-expand-medicaid/>

<sup>3</sup> Florida Policy Institute. "Potential Budget Savings and Revenue Gains from Medicaid Expansion in Florida." [www.floridapolicy.org/posts/expanding-medicaid-would-save-200-million-in-taxpayer-dollar](http://www.floridapolicy.org/posts/expanding-medicaid-would-save-200-million-in-taxpayer-dollar)

29           **WHEREAS**, our state legislature’s decision to not expand Medicaid means that  
30 some of our most vulnerable citizens – especially adults without children with incomes  
31 below 100% of the federal poverty level – will go without coverage in 2020 because they  
32 are not eligible for subsidies on the healthcare exchange or marketplace; and

33           **WHEREAS**, this is an unconscionable rejection of public funds that puts our most  
34 vulnerable and needy residents at-risk needlessly; and

35           **WHEREAS**, 39 states (including D.C.) have adopted Medicaid expansion; and

36           **WHEREAS**, considering the COVID-19 state of emergency and for public health  
37 purposes, it is necessary that Floridians who are most in need have access to health  
38 insurance; and

39           **WHEREAS**, the benefits of expanded Medicaid eligibility would not only serve  
40 those who would obtain healthcare coverage, but the general public as well because the  
41 number of uninsured people would decrease and the number of people who receive  
42 healthcare treatment would likely result in a corresponding increase which, among other  
43 things, diminishes the likelihood of transmitting a communicable disease like the highly  
44 contagious COVID-19; and

45           **WHEREAS**, Floridians who are losing their jobs, savings, and economic standing  
46 should not have to suffer because of arbitrary denials by our legislature and state  
47 leadership; and

48           **WHEREAS**, the City Commission of Hallandale Beach believes all residents  
49 should have access to quality healthcare.

50           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY**  
51 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**

52           **Section 1.** The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed  
53 as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

54           **Section 2.** The City Commission of the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida strongly  
55 urges the Florida Legislature and the Governor to accept federal funds to expand  
56 Medicaid in Florida.

57           **Section 3.** Medicaid expansion would benefit communities of color, parents and  
58 children, women, working class, people with mental illness and substance use disorders,

veterans, and more to advance healthcare coverage to Floridians especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and unemployment crisis.

**Section 3.** The City Commission directs the City Clerk to distribute a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Broward County state legislative delegation, Governor Ron DeSantis, Speaker of the House Jose Oliva, Incoming Speaker of the House Chris Sprowls, Senate President Bill Galvano, Incoming Senate President Wilton Simpson, and the Broward League of Cities.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this \_\_\_\_\_ DAY of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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JOY COOPER, MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR SABRINA JAVELLANA

ATTEST:

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JENORGEN M. GUILLEN, CMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND FORM

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JENNIFER MERINO  
CITY ATTORNEY

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION**

Mayor Cooper \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Mayor Javellana  
Commissioner Butler  
Commissioner Lazarow  
Commissioner Lima-Taub

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