

**NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MEDICAID
EXTENSION PROPOSAL OF GOVERNOR KASICH**

EXPRESSING support of 19 member communities of the Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium, representing over 38% of Cuyahoga County's population, support for the extension of Medicaid in the State of Ohio as has been proposed by Governor John R. Kasich in Ohio's biennial budget.

WHEREAS 1.5 million Ohioans would be uninsured and without health insurance in 2014 without an extension of the Medicaid Program;

WHEREAS an extension of Medicaid coverage would provide health insurance coverage to approximately 456,000 uninsured Ohioans;

WHEREAS a 2009 Institute of Medicine report found that health insurance coverage is critical for gaining access to appropriate healthcare services.

WHEREAS people with insurance are more likely to access preventive care, have fewer avoidable hospitalizations and have better health outcomes;

WHEREAS the Medicaid program in Ohio has undergone significant reform and can provide excellent coverage to those who are uninsured;

WHEREAS over 10 years it's estimated that the State of Ohio will save \$1.030 billion on what it already pays for healthcare for several groups that become eligible under a Medicaid extension;

WHEREAS employers will save \$1.659 billion that they would spend on insurance for their low-income employees if there is no Medicaid extension;

WHEREAS a Medicaid extension will add 31,800 new jobs in the State of Ohio, generating \$17.520 billion in increased earnings;

WHEREAS a extension of the Medicaid would reduce the number of uninsured, increase Ohio employment and earnings, improve county finances, and lower healthcare costs for Ohio's employer and residents;

WHEREAS members of the Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium believe there is a moral responsibility and justification to provide quality healthcare for those that need it most and cannot afford it

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the member communities of the Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium in the State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the 19 member communities of the Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium support the Medicaid extension proposal included in Governor John R. Kasich's biennial budget proposal and urge the Ohio General Assembly to support that proposal.

Section 2: That a copy of this resolution shall be included in the minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting of the Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium and sent to Governor John R. Kasich of the State of Ohio and to members of the Ohio General Assembly.

Mayor Earl Leiken, Chair

Jennifer Kuzma, Director

Passed: May 2, 2013

LETTER OF APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR

I, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby appoint you to the position of...

Effective as of the date of this appointment, you shall have all the powers and duties...

Very truly yours,

Robert R. Christy, Governor

Accepted and agreed to:

Signature of appointee

Witness

Notary Public

Notary Public

Notary Public

Notary Public

Notary Public

Robert R. Christy
Governor