

**RESOLUTION NO.** 12958-16

WHEREAS, the City Council of Newport News, Virginia, represents all of the citizens of Newport News, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 7,100 people in our City who do not have health insurance coverage would be eligible if Virginia accepted federal Medicaid funding to expand coverage; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's Medicaid program's current eligibility criteria excludes approximately 400,000 low income Virginians from receiving affordable health insurance coverage to provide personal health empowerment and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, expanding Medicaid or creating a state solution to use federal Medicaid funding would be good for Virginia's economy, bringing an estimated \$6.2 million per day to the Commonwealth, resulting in billions of dollars to support the health care industry, jobs, and Virginia's overall economy, and dwarfing future projected costs to Virginia. The Department of Medical Assistance Services estimates that Virginia would see a net savings of \$265 million through state fiscal year 2022, with the state match being more than offset by savings in health care for prisoners, community mental health, indigent care, and other state funded health care services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council for the City of Newport News, Virginia, that it calls upon the General Assembly and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to fully accept Federal Medicaid funds and implement expansion of the Affordable Care Act during the next regular session of the General Assembly.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS  
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk