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5 **A RESOLUTION**
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7 Supporting the State of Wisconsin increasing the threshold for BadgerCare/Medicaid
8 eligibility from 100 percent to 138 percent of the federal poverty limit to improve the lives
9 of low-income Wisconsinites and receive increased federal appropriations; and
10 declaring June 2021, "Medicaid Expansion Month"
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13 WHEREAS, the federal government created Medicaid in 1965 to provide health
14 coverage for low-income people and others who meet certain criteria, and is jointly
15 administered by the federal government and the states, known in Wisconsin as
16 BadgerCare, and is available for those Wisconsinites who have income levels at or
17 below 100 percent of the federal poverty level; and
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19 WHEREAS, under the federal Affordable Care Act of 2010, a state is eligible for
20 increased federal matching funds under Medicaid should it expand eligibility by
21 increasing the income threshold to 138 percent of the federal poverty level; and 36
22 states and the District of Columbia have done so, with another two states in process,
23 but not yet Wisconsin; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Governor moved in the Executive 2021-2023 Biennial
26 Budget, 2021 Assembly Bill 68 and 2021 Senate Bill 111, that the State widen Medicaid
27 eligibility to 138 percent of the federal poverty line; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services estimates 91,000
30 additional Wisconsinites will qualify for Medicaid under the Governor's proposal; and the
31 Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates Wisconsin would receive an additional
32 \$635 million during the 2021-2023 Biennium if the Governor's proposed Medicaid
33 expansion is adopted; and
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35 WHEREAS, since adoption of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the
36 federal government has since increased federal Medicaid matching funds for the 12
37 states which have not yet expanded Medicaid eligibility, including Wisconsin; and
38 should the State expand eligibility, the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates
39 Wisconsin's federal Medicaid appropriation would rise to \$1.025 billion in additional
40 federal matching funds during the upcoming fiscal biennium; and

41 WHEREAS, in support of people accessing affordable and quality healthcare to
42 be productive members of society and enjoy quality lives; an

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44 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic
45 Planning, at its meeting of June 16, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-549
46 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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48 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby supports the provisions to
49 increase the income eligibility threshold for Wisconsin's Medicaid program, BadgerCare,
50 from 100 percent of the federal poverty level to 138 percent in the Wisconsin Governor's
51 Executive 2021-2023 Biennial Budget, 2021 Assembly Bill 68 and 2021 Senate Bill 111;
52 and

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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby declares June 2021 as
55 "Medicaid Expansion Month"; and

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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Office of Government Affairs staff is authorized
58 and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to the Wisconsin
59 Governor and State policymakers, and support legislation that achieves the criteria
60 outlined in this resolution.

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