

RESOLUTION to call for the Ohio General Assembly to pass the Expansion of Medicaid to 138% of poverty. The passage of Medicaid expansion will ensure additional access for Ohioans in need of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services.

WHEREAS, the members of the **Medina County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board** are committed to assuring that residents of every Ohio community, including **Medina County**, live healthier lives through access to quality mental health, alcohol and other drug prevention, treatment and support services; and

WHEREAS, Ohio must address the fact that an increasing number of individuals across the state are in need of alcohol, drug addiction and/or mental health services; and

WHEREAS, fewer and fewer severely mentally ill and addicted individuals are being provided services due to the past decade of erosion of the behavioral health safety net; and

WHEREAS, if no action is taken, the crisis facing the individuals in need of alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services threatens to become so pervasive and acute that vulnerable Ohioans will continue to suffer needlessly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that because treatment works and people recover, recovering people work, and working people pay taxes, the members of the Medina County ADAMH Board respectfully request the Ohio General Assembly pass the expansion of Medicaid to 138% of poverty, in order to better serve Ohioans in need of behavioral health services.

Ratified on the 21st day of March, Two Thousand and Thirteen.



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Board Chairperson



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