

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 115

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE OTTO.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, every person in Missouri and the United States deserves access to  
2 affordable, quality health care; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, there is a growing crisis in health care in the United States, manifested in  
5 rising health care costs, increased premiums, and greater out-of-pocket spending; and

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7           **WHEREAS**, since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, the number of  
8 uninsured Missourians has decreased from 15.2 percent in 2013 to 13.4 percent in 2014; and

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10          **WHEREAS**, there are still an estimated 253,000 uninsured Missourians who would gain  
11 coverage if Missouri expanded Medicaid; and

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13          **WHEREAS**, beginning in 2014, the federal government covered the full cost of  
14 expansion for three years for states that expanded Medicaid coverage; and

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16          **WHEREAS**, beginning in 2017, the rate of federal funding will decrease to 95%, with  
17 the rate further decreasing to 94% in 2018, 93% in 2019, and 90% in 2020 and thereafter; and

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19          **WHEREAS**, President Obama has recently included a provision in his proposed budget  
20 for 2017 that would provide all states three years of full federal funding for Medicaid expansion,  
21 whether the state has already expanded or will do so in the future; and

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23          **WHEREAS**, H.R. 4588, the Incentivize Medicaid Expansion Act of 2016, would  
24 similarly provide the same level of federal matching assistance for every state that chooses to  
25 expand Medicaid coverage to newly eligible individuals, regardless of when such expansion  
26 takes place; and

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28          **WHEREAS**, by expanding Medicaid coverage, Missouri would bring in \$1.8 billion into  
29 the economy and result in a budget savings of over \$60 million; and

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31           **WHEREAS**, this extension in federal funding for Medicaid expansion will allow  
32 Missouri to provide necessary coverage for more of its citizens:

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34           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
35 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
36 concurring therein, hereby urge the United State Congress to extend full federal funding for state  
37 Medicaid expansion for all states; and

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39           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
41 Majority and Minority Leadership of the United States House of Representatives and United  
42 States Senate and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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