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Resolution to Expand Medicaid

WHEREAS, we believe all residents of North Carolina should have access to affordable, quality health care, and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides federal funding (100 percent for 2014-2016 and 90% thereafter) for states to expand Medicaid to all citizens earning less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services estimated that accepting Medicaid expansion would extend insurance coverage to more than 500,000 North Carolinians and save the state approximately \$65 million over ten years; and

WHEREAS, the private economic forecasting company Regional Economic Models, Inc., projects that expanding Medicaid would create more than 25,000 jobs by 2016; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Actuaries estimates that refusing Medicaid expansion will increase private insurance premiums by more than 2 percent; and

WHEREAS, the tax firm Jackson Hewitt estimates that refusing Medicaid expansion will cost North Carolina employers between \$65 million and \$98 million in fees; and

WHEREAS, our denomination, Presbyterian Church (USA) has committed to universally accessible and affordable health coverage for all persons;

Therefore, we, the session of Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church urge the North Carolina General Assembly and the Governor to immediately accept federal funds to expand Medicaid in North Carolina.