



Proclamation

BY THESE PRESENTS, BE IT KNOWN that the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, presents this Proclamation for recognition of

KANCARE EXPANSION

Whereas the United States Supreme Court ruled that expansion of Medicaid, known as KanCare in the State of Kansas, is optional for states under the Affordable Care Act; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, has supported KanCare expansion as part of its state legislative platform since 2014; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners has identified KanCare expansion as one of their action agenda priorities in the 2023 state legislative platform that was adopted on December 1, 2022; and

Whereas, KanCare expansion would provide health care insurance for an estimated 150,000 low-income Kansans and 7,930+ low-income Johnson County residents, significantly reducing the number of uninsured individuals in the State and the County; and

Whereas, more than \$7,000,000 of charitable care provided annually for Johnson County Mental Health and Johnson County Department of Emergency Services would also be eligible for reimbursement; and

Whereas, the cost of the expansion would be further offset by savings in the provision of mental health services and of medical services delivered in the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, it is estimated Johnson County hospitals lose more than \$35,000,000 annually for uncompensated care that would be eligible for reimbursement if KanCare were expanded.

Therefore, the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim their support of KanCare expansion in the State of Kansas.



Signed, Sealed & Presented this the 12th day of October in the year 2023.
Board of County Commissioners
Johnson County, Kansas


MIKE KELLY, Chairman

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