



KOOTENAI COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2018 MEDICAID EXPANSION
BALLOT INITIATIVE

Whereas the health and well-being of Idahoans is paramount and non-partisan;

Whereas 62,000 tax-paying, working Idahoans and Idaho veterans do not have access to Medicaid benefits or other healthcare coverage;

Whereas Kootenai County spent \$806,502.43 in 2016 and \$687,262.73 in 2017 of its citizens' property taxes to pay for indigent care services for uninsured residents at the Medicaid billing rate;

Whereas expanding Medicaid coverage would create 14,000 jobs and \$46 million in revenue for the State of Idaho;

Whereas 11.2% of Idahoans do not have healthcare coverage and thousands die each year from lack of preventative care;

Whereas a majority of Idaho citizens support expanding Medicaid coverage by accepting our tax dollars back from the federal government; and

Whereas the Idaho Legislature has failed to act in the best interest of its citizens and express the will of the majority by passing legislation to expand Medicaid coverage to working Idahoans; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Kootenai County Democratic Central Committee

1. supports the 2018 Medicaid Expansion Ballot Initiative; and
2. advocates for the election of its candidates to replace current legislators who have not represented Kootenai County residents by passing legislation to expand Medicaid coverage to working Idahoans.