

CERTIFICATE OF REFERENDUM

FOR

GENERAL ELECTION

November 3, 2020

TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF KENOSHA COUNTY:

I, KAREN J ARGUST, Acting City Clerk of the City of Kenosha of the State of Wisconsin, certify that the following referendum question will be submitted to a vote of the people at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020, as determined by law, and that such referendum must be printed on the official ballot:

“Should Wisconsin expand healthcare coverage under BadgerCare by accepting additional federal Medicare funds and providing healthcare coverage to an estimated 82,000 more Wisconsinites?”

YES

NO

DONE in the City of Kenosha, this 24th<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.



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**RESOLUTION 133-20**

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**ALDERPERSON ROCCO J. LAMACCHIA SR.**  
**ALDERPERSON KEITH ROSENBERG**  
**ALDERPERSON DOMINIC RUFFALO**

**TO PLACE A HEALTH CARE ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION  
ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 KENOSHA CITY BALLOT TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER THE STATE OF WISCONSIN SHOULD SEEK EXPANSION OF  
THE MEDICAID-BASED PROGRAM IN WISCONSIN**

**WHEREAS**, to ensure all lower income Americans had access to health insurance, the federal Affordable Care Act expanded Medicaid eligibility to adults with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level, allowing people to qualify for coverage based on income, rather than a disability determination; and

**WHEREAS**, expansion of Medicaid eligibility was at the option of the individual states; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty eight (38) states, including the neighboring states of Michigan, Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota, have adopted the expanded Medicaid coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has yet to take advantage of billions of federal Medicaid dollars associated with the expansion of Medicaid, which would have improved the state's Medicaid-based BadgerCare program, and which, as estimated by the State's Department. of Health Services, would have provided access to BadgerCare to an additional 82,000 people, who need coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the decision to reject federal Medicaid expansion funding under the Affordable Care Act has cost state taxpayers \$1.1 billion since 2014, including \$324.5 million in the current biennial budget alone; and

**WHEREAS**, being underinsured and uninsured impacts local human services departments leads to untreated mental health or substance abuse issues and leads to reduction of preventive health care, which in turn can lead to losses of jobs, the inability to function and loss of self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin residents negatively impacted by the high numbers of unemployment due to COVID -19 would greatly benefit with this expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, as the state of Wisconsin revenue is being negatively impacted by COVID -19 the expansion of Medicaid/Badger Care would lessen the impact of monies assigned to health care on future

state budgets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kenosha City Council directs the Kenosha City Clerk to place the following advisory referendum question on the city-wide ballot at the election to be held on November 3, 2020:

“Should Wisconsin expand healthcare coverage under BadgerCare by accepting additional federal Medicare funds and providing healthcare coverage to an estimated 82,000 more Wisconsinites?”

ATTEST:

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Karen J. Argust, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

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John M. Antaramian, Mayor

Passed: August 17, 2020

Published: August 21, 2020

Drafted by:

DANIEL PROZANSKI JR.  
Aldersperson for the Fourteenth District

and

EDWARD R. ANTARAMIAN  
City Attorney