

RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROOSEVELT MEDICAL CENTER
Culbertson MT 59218

WHEREAS, numerous reports and studies authored by the University of Montana, including well respected consulting firms, have independently demonstrated the HELP Act has significantly benefited 94,967 Montanans who have received health care coverage as of December 1, 2018, representing 9.3% of our state's population; and

WHEREAS, the HELP Act's has improved health outcomes and led to early detection of disease and ensured 7,643 women received breast cancer screenings, averted 2,486 possible cases of colon cancer, provided 30,206 patients with outpatient mental health services, delivered outpatient substance abuse treatment to 7,610 adults, in total 90,967 adults received preventive services from HELP Act benefits; and

WHEREAS, in Roosevelt County, more than 1,870 residents representing almost 16.5% of the population are now receiving health care coverage under the HELP Act, resulting in 1,493 preventative primary care visits; and

WHEREAS, health care is the largest source of private sector income in Montana, representing 1 in 5 dollars earned and the second largest source of private sector employment representing 15.6% of the industry total, paying 25% higher than the statewide average; and

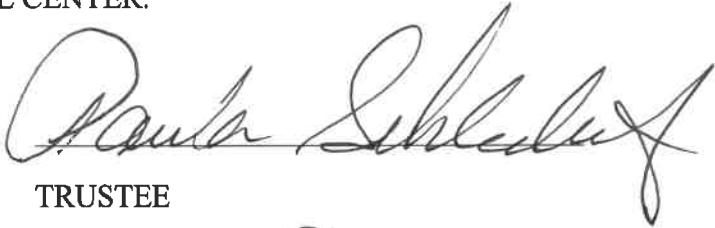
WHEREAS, the HELP Act has significantly stimulated Montana's economy according to the University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, which reported that as the result of the HELP Act, 5,000 new jobs, \$270 million in personal income and \$500 million in additional economic output has been added to Montana's economy. Additionally, the HELP Act is expected to generate \$1.2 billion in personal income and \$2.6 billion in economic output or new sales; and


WHEREAS, the HELP Act has served as an economic incentive for small businesses unable to provide health insurance by making coverage available for working Montanans and generating \$36 million in state budget savings by using federal funds to pay for state programs, freeing up state tax dollars for other priorities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ROOSEVELT MEDICAL CENTER in Culbertson MT endorses the HELP Act and supports repealing the sunset of the Act and further recognizes our patients, caregivers, and the citizens of Roosevelt County have a compelling interest in ensuring our hospital remains financially viable and an economic engine for our surrounding area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ROOSEVELT MEDICAL CENTER strongly requests our legislative delegation and the Montana Legislature to repeal the sunset of the HELP Act and protect health care coverage for almost 100,000 Montanans and the \$2.6 billion economic engine it has created.


APPROVED ON THIS DAY, JANUARY 22, 2019, BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ROOSEVELT MEDICAL CENTER.

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