

RESOLUTION NO. 167-2013

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PATIENT PROTECTION
AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

WHEREAS, in 2010 the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," (aka "The Affordable Care Act," or "Obamacare") was approved by congress and signed into law by President Obama; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County will begin being charged \$1.1 million in new federal taxes for providing health care coverage to county employees in 2014 and this is an unfunded federal mandate onto this county, as well as other local units of government and the private sector in this county, this state, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has now indicated that he will not be enforcing certain portions of this statute because a variety of serious implementation problems have appeared as full implementation is scheduled to begin in part by October 1, 2013 or January 1, 2014 or later; and

WHEREAS, certain citizens will be provided better coverage if they are federal employees of congress, members of the U.S. Congress, the federal judiciary, and White House employees of the federal government than the average citizen will be provided; and

WHEREAS, advocates for this legislation like Montana U.S. Senator Baucus have recently described this legislation as a, "...train wreck,.." and several unions with millions of members who initially supported this legislation have withdrawn their support for the PPACA health bill and now seeking new reforms; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is already having the unintended consequence of destroying full time employment in many sectors of this nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, pushing jobs into the part time employment will increase uncertainty and risk for entrepreneurship in our country and the federal government is making this nation's economy increasingly uncompetitive; and

WHEREAS, the patient privacy provisions of medical records under this act are unresolved and not likely to be ready anywhere in the near future; and

WHEREAS, this act will impose dramatic increases in costs for insuring young people who are already struggling with the inability to find full time employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, that Sedgwick County should be provided an exemption from the provisions of the PPACA. Furthermore, Sedgwick County should not have to pay new federal taxes that are part of PPACA. Furthermore, all Sedgwick

County citizens should receive equal treatment and full equality under the provisions of the 14th Amendment so that any exemptions, waivers, exclusions that are being made available under the PPACA are made available to all citizens of the United States, and of Sedgwick County, and not just a select few.

Commissioners present and voting were:

DAVID M. UNRUH	<u>Aye</u>
TIM R. NORTON	<u>Absent</u>
KARL PETERJOHN	<u>Aye</u>
RICHARD RANZAU	<u>Aye</u>
JAMES B. SKELTON	<u>Aye</u>

Dated this 11 day of September, 2013.

ATTEST:



Kelly B. Arnold
KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk

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OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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