**[State/City] Proclamation**

**Get Covered 2021 Day – December 10, 2020**

Whereas the world is facing the most significant health crisis in modern history due to COVID-19, which has also caused a global economic downturn, impacting people and their ability to access health insurance; and,

Whereas to slow the spread of COVID-19, individual and community health can be improved dramatically by covering your mouth and nose, wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing; and,

Whereas affordable, quality health insurance coverage ensures access to care and makes a material difference in the health and well-being of the people of [STATE/CITY]; and

Whereas access to health insurance is important because those without coverage are less likely to see a doctor when they become ill or for treatment of a chronic condition and forgo necessary care until their condition becomes intolerable; and,

Whereas the Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010 to expand access to affordable, meaningful coverage to lower the number of uninsured people and improve overall population health and wellbeing; and,

Whereas the Affordable Care Act, which ensures critical consumer protections, and expands coverage to millions of Americans, is instrumental in dramatically reducing the number of uninsured people from 45 million to 28 million; and,

Whereas [NAME OF EXCHANGE], established under the Affordable Care Act, provides access to affordable, quality coverage and care to [STATE/CITY RESIDENTS], which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic conditions; and,

Whereas [# in STATE] are enrolled in [NAME OF STATE EXCHANGE] and [###] are enrolled in [MEDICAID NAME IN STATE]; and,

Whereas leaders from across America have joined to launch a national movement to help address the COVID-19 pandemic by helping people protect themselves and making sure everyone who can, enrolls in health care coverage.

Now, therefore, I, [FIRST NAME, LAST NAME], Governor of the State of [STATE]/Mayor of [CITY], hereby proclaim December 10, 2020 as “Get Covered 2021 [STATE/CITY] Day” and call upon all residents to:

1. Cover Up for COVID – Practice the “3 W’s” to reduce the risk of COVID-19 – Wear a mask; Wash your hands; and Watch your distance. Together these can help keep you and your community healthy and safe.
2. Cover Yourself and Your Family – Renew your coverage, if you haven’t already, and tell friends to check [WEB URL or www.GetCovered2021.org] to see their health coverage options, whether they qualify for financial help and how they can get covered.
3. Cover Everyone – Support efforts to increase access to affordable meaningful health care coverage for all people [in CITY and] throughout [STATE].