



State of Rhode Island  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION  
**National Get Covered Day**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, the most significant health crisis in modern history, has caused a global economic downturn, impacting people and their ability to access health insurance; 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 Rhode Island; 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, 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 46.8 million in 2010 to 29.2 million in 2019;

**WHEREAS**, Healthsource RI, established under the Affordable Care Act, provides access to affordable, quality coverage to Rhode Islander, which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic conditions; and,


**WHEREAS**, over 32,000 people are enrolled through Healthsource RI and 240,000 Rhode Islanders are enrolled in Medicaid, with over 75,000 as a result of RI's Medicaid expansion; 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, Gina M. Raimondo**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be *National Get Covered Day* and encourage all residents renew or enroll in health coverage.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

  
Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

  
Nellie M. Gorbea  
Secretary of State