

1 [Support "It's OUR Healthcare" Principles.]

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3 **Resolution in support of the joint Labor and "It's OUR Healthcare" principles**
4 **developed by a coalition of community, clergy, labor and healthcare organizations and**
5 **supporting those principles as a means to achieving affordable, quality health care for**
6 **all working Californians.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco is fighting to protect and provide health care to all
9 residents, but we also know that we need new legislation to protect and provide health care
10 for all California citizens'; and

11 WHEREAS, Health care costs have risen dramatically, and 15 to 20 percent of the cost
12 of insurance premiums subsidize the uninsured; and

13 WHEREAS, More and more employers are trying increase profits by putting more of
14 the burden of health care insurance costs directly on workers' shoulders; and

15 WHEREAS, The only way to lower costs, expand access and protect our collective
16 health is to reform the current health care system; and

17 WHEREAS, More than eighty percent of Californians who are uninsured are employed
18 with more than half being employed full-time; and

19 WHEREAS, In order to create an affordable, quality health care system it is important
20 that employers and government share both the responsibility and risk with consumers; and

21 WHEREAS, Community, clergy, labor and healthcare organizations across California,
22 as part of the "It's OUR Healthcare" Coalition, have worked together to develop the attached
23 set of principles that outline the needs of working families in reforming the health care system
24 which is incorporated by this reference as though set forth at length; and

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 WHEREAS, Unions and “It’s Our Healthcare” are dedicated to promoting these
2 principles for real health care reform in the state of California; now. Therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the joint Labor and
4 It’s OUR Healthcare principles developed by a coalition of community, clergy, labor and
5 healthcare organizations and will actively support those goals as a means to achieving
6 affordable, quality health care for all working Californians; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will indicate its
8 support for statewide legislation that includes these principles by sending a letter to San
9 Francisco’s state legislative delegation urging our representatives to uphold these principles in
10 crafting legislation to ensure that quality health care in California is affordable and accessible
11 to all.

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