

1 [Honoring Volunteers in Medicine]

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3 **Resolution honoring Volunteers in Medicine for establishing free medical clinics for**
4 **the working uninsured.**

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6 WHEREAS, America has an estimated 44 million individuals without health insurance
7 and the numbers continue to grow; and,

8 WHEREAS, For the most part, the uninsured are hard working Americans who either
9 cannot afford health insurance, or lack access to it; and,

10 WHEREAS, The uninsured are less healthy, live shorter lives, and actually cost the
11 nation a staggering sum for treatment, lost productivity and displacement; and,

12 WHEREAS, Volunteers in Medicine is a national non-profit organization pioneered by
13 Dr. Jack McConnell and dedicated to helping communities establish free medical clinics for
14 the working uninsured; and,

15 WHEREAS, Volunteers in Medicine has linked retired physicians, nurses, dentists and
16 other healthcare professionals with the working uninsured in appropriate facilities in over 30
17 communities in 24 states; and,

18 WHEREAS, Volunteers in Medicine's clinics serving the uninsured have alleviated
19 emergency departments from the burdens involved in providing non-urgent primary care; and,

20 WHEREAS, Volunteers in Medicine's teams have made a huge difference to
21 uninsured persons by managing chronic conditions so acute episodes are prevented and by
22 detecting serious conditions before it is too late; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors honors Volunteers in Medicine for their
24 dedication to helping communities establish free medical clinics for the working uninsured.

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