

1 [Supporting Proposition 86.]

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3 **Resolution supporting Proposition 86, the Tobacco Tax Act.**

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5 WHEREAS, Proposition 86 is a state initiative which if passed by voters in November
6 2006 would raise the state’s tobacco tax by an additional \$2.60/pack; and

7 WHEREAS, The California Department of Health Services states that the proposal
8 could prevent 700,000 children currently under 17 years of age from becoming smokers in
9 adulthood, and high school and middle school student smoking prevalence could decline by
10 42.8%; and

11 WHEREAS, Proposition 86 would produce more than \$2 billion in annual revenue to
12 fund children’s health insurance, emergency room care, nursing education, disease
13 prevention, medical research and programs that will reduce smoking, especially among
14 children; and

15 WHEREAS, Proposition 86 would significantly reduce the burden on state and local
16 healthcare agencies of treating the uninsured by providing basic health insurance coverage,
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18 WHEREAS, Proposition 86 provides primary care and hospitalization to California’s
19 800,000 uninsured children – nearly 10% -- by expanding eligibility and simplifying enrollment
20 in the state’s Medi-Cal and Healthy Families public health insurance programs for children;
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22 WHEREAS, Proposition 86 would provide funding for outreach to enroll currently
23 eligible children into the Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families programs, and

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1 WHEREAS, This would generate additional revenues to local communities including
2 \$1,112 annually in state and federal funding for each child enrolled or a total of \$390 million in
3 additional annual revenue if all currently eligible children are enrolled; and

4 WHEREAS, Proposition 86 is expected to generate significant additional savings for
5 the 17 counties operating their own children’s health coverage initiatives because these
6 children would now be eligible for state programs funded by tobacco tax revenue; and

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco
8 supports Proposition 86, the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006, which will reduce smoking, especially
9 among children and fund critical healthcare priorities such as children’s health insurance,
10 emergency room care, disease prevention and medical research; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the appropriate legislative representatives in Sacramento, to the Speaker of the California
13 Assembly, Senate President Pro Tempore, and to the Governor.

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