

1 [Cover the Uninsured Week]

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Resolution endorsing and supporting Cover the Uninsured Week, encouraging San Franciscans to attend the week’s events to offer ideas and recommendations to address the problem of the uninsured, and proclaiming March 10 through 16 “Cover the Uninsured Week” in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, With more than 41 million Americans without health insurance, 87,000 of whom live in San Francisco, the crisis of the uninsured is one of this nation’s greatest health care challenges; and,

WHEREAS, The uninsured live sicker and die younger because they are unable to afford the health care they need; and,

WHEREAS, A sluggish economy, federal, State and local budget deficits, rising unemployment and increasing health care costs are all contributing to the numbers of uninsured San Franciscans; and,

WHEREAS, Cover the Uninsured Week is being held from March 10 through 16, 2003 to focus attention on the plight of the uninsured, bringing together diverse groups on a local and national level to explore the issues and find solutions; and,

WHEREAS, Cover the Uninsured Week is an unprecedented campaign to raise awareness of the issue of the uninsured and will feature daily events in San Francisco, as well as hundreds of other events in cities across the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors endorses and fully supports the Cover the Uninsured Week; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco’s residents are encouraged to attend the
2 events being held throughout Cover the Uninsured Week in San Francisco and to offer ideas
3 and recommendations to address the problem of the uninsured; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That March 10-16, 2003 is hereby proclaimed “Cover the
5 Uninsured Week” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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