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2 Program.]

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5 **Healthy Families Program.**

6 WHEREAS, The Healthy Families Program provides both medical and economic
7 benefits to the State of California through the sharing of costs of health care coverage
8 between Federal, State and County resources; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of California has already been obliged to wait more than a year
10 for the necessary Federal waiver before being able to authorize health care for the parents of
11 Healthy Families children, and should therefore act to expand the Program without further
12 delay; and

13 WHEREAS, The expansion of programs such as Healthy Families results in better
14 preventive care and non-hospital-based care for otherwise uninsured parents and caregivers;
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16 WHEREAS, An initial outlay in Healthy Families will ultimately reduce or defray costs
17 incurred in hospital treatment, and will enhance the quality of life and the economic well-being
18 and economic output of Healthy Family clients; and

19 WHEREAS, The expenditure of every State dollar in Healthy Families is matched by
20 two dollars in Federal matching funds; and

21 WHEREAS, The expected immediate savings created by not implementing the
22 Program may be offset by health care costs necessarily borne by State and County health
23 systems, with no associated increase in long-term services or benefits to Californians; and
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1 WHEREAS, A delay in the expansion of the Healthy Families Program will affect
2 negatively the Healthy Family parents and caregivers presently uninsured, and will
3 concomitantly have a negative impact on emergency health care and hospital services, and a
4 negative impact upon the California economy; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 urge Governor Gray Davis to ensure that the necessary state funds for the expansion of
7 Healthy Families be re-allocated and disbursed; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
9 Francisco urge the Governor and the Legislature to continue to expand health care coverage
10 to a greater proportion of Californians; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy
12 of this Resolution to Governor Gray Davis, and to Senators John Burton and Jackie Speier,
13 and to Assembly Members Kevin Shelley and Carole Migden.

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