

FILE NO. 090291

RESOLUTION NO.

1 [Supporting Senate Bill 810, the California Universal Health Care Act of 2009]

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5 WHEREAS, The California Universal Health Care Act of 2009, also known as SB 810
6 or CHIRA, will provide comprehensive affordable health coverage to all California residents
7 through a single public insurance system, like Medicare; and

8 WHEREAS, United States of America remains the only major industrial country without
9 national health insurance; and,

10 WHEREAS, Skyrocketing health care costs are creating serious problems for
11 employers and employees by undermining wages and pensions, escalating the number of
12 uninsured and underinsured, and placing a significant strain on public health and public
13 dollars; and,

14 WHEREAS, Approval of SB 810 will provide reliable health care coverage in which
15 eligibility is based on residency, instead of on employment or income, and all residents are
16 covered; and,

17 WHEREAS, No California resident will lose his or her health insurance because of
18 unaffordable insurance premiums, when they change or lose a job or graduate from college,
19 or because they have a pre-existing medical condition; and,

20 WHEREAS, SB 810 is more efficient, eliminating waste by consolidating the functions
21 of many insurance companies into one comprehensive insurance plan, saving the state and
22 consumers billions of dollars of administrative costs in the first year alone; and,

23 WHEREAS, Under SB 810, California will use its purchasing power to buy prescription
24 drugs and durable medical equipment in bulk saving California additional billions of dollars

1 and making our health care system more reliable and secure by stabilizing the growth in
2 health spending; and,

3 WHEREAS, SB 810 will continue needed cost controls with medical standards that
4 used the best available medical sciences, and place an emphasis on preventive and primary
5 care to improve California's overall health in a way that also saves billion of dollars; and,

6 WHEREAS, SB 810, consumers have total freedom to choose their personal primary
7 care provider, and health care providers and facilities will receive fair reimbursement for all
8 covered service they provide; and,

9 WHEREAS, Coverage includes all care prescribed by a patient's health care provider
10 that meets accepted standards of care and practice, including hospital, medical surgical, and
11 mental health, dental and vision care, prescription drugs, and medical equipment such as
12 hearing aids, emergency care, skilled nursing care after hospitalization, substance abuse
13 recovery programs, health education and translations services, including services for those
14 with hearing and vision impairments, transportation needed to access covered services,
15 diagnostic testing, and hospice care; and,

16 WHEREAS, SB 810 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
17 090291, which is hereby declared to be part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and,

18 WHEREAS, SB 810 offers California a broad and clear vision for a remodeled health
19 care system that will provide a high quality, affordable and reliable health care for all
20 residents; now therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports SB 810, the
22 California Universal Health Care Act of 2009, and urges all the members of the State
23 legislature to sponsor this critical bill; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board directs the clerk to send a copy of this
25 resolution to our state delegation.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution supporting Senate Bill 810, the California Health Insurance Reliability Act of Senate Bill 810.

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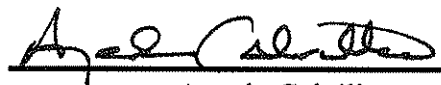
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

March 17, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on March 17, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/27/09
Date Approved

UNSIGNED
Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: March 27, 2009

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.



Clerk of the Board

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