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[Supporting the Creation of the Health Information Exchange]

Resolution supporting the creation of the Health Information Exchange in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, There exists no unified digital medical record system in San Francisco in which health care providers can securely exchange patient health information, nor a unified medical record system in which patients can access their personal health records; and

WHEREAS, The predominant method of sharing health data when patients switch doctors, transfer between healthcare providers or receive emergency care away from their medical home is vis-a-vis courier, fax or US Mail; and

WHEREAS, Those materials with shared health data can be misplaced, making vital information about the patient unavailable to the provider at the point of care; and

WHEREAS, This lost information has an adverse impact on provider efficiency, overall costs and patient care; and

WHEREAS, Health Information Technology expansion could save the United States as much as \$261 billion over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, Annual savings from a Health Care Information Exchange ranges from \$81 billion to \$162 billion, according to a report from the Commission on U.S. Federal Leadership in Health and Medicine; and

WHEREAS, The health information exchange has received support and funding through the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, contained within the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 73 operational health information exchanges transmitting data nationwide, including ones in New Jersey, Santa Cruz; and Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, A Health Information Exchange is compatible with San Francisco's goals in improving medical care; and

WHEREAS, The Creation of a Health Care Information Exchange will improve the City's medical providers' time and cost effectiveness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the creation of a San Francisco Health Information Exchange under the guidance of the San Francisco Medical Society Community Service Foundation and a diverse board of San Francisco healthcare industry professionals, including representatives from the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the creation of a San Francisco Health Information exchange will help make San Francisco a leader in health care innovation and improve the City's medical services by positively impacting patient care in San Francisco and saving millions of dollars in overall health care costs.