

1 [Supporting California Health Care Coalition of California Works]

2 **Resolution supporting the California Health Care Coalition of the California Works**  
3 **Foundation and participating with other public and private purchasers determined to**  
4 **bring significantly greater performance accountability and transparency to the**  
5 **healthcare industry.**

6 WHEREAS, Skyrocketing health care costs are creating serious problems for  
7 workers, consumers, unions, employers and municipalities by undermining wages and  
8 pensions, escalating the number of uninsured and underinsured, placing a significant strain  
9 on public health and public dollars, and contributing to economic stagnation; and

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11 WHEREAS, The health delivery system is characterized by a bewildering variation in  
12 provider costs and charges and lacks a standard definition for the quality of services that  
13 are purchased; and

14 WHEREAS, Americans spend more for healthcare than any other country in the  
15 world, yet there are no assurances that the quality of medical care is anywhere near the  
16 quality of service that the most advanced medical science can offer; and

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18 WHEREAS, While health plans and insurance companies have reaped enormous  
19 profits from the premiums they established, yet they have failed to stabilize costs and  
20 develop reliable base standard of services delivered; and

21 WHEREAS, Working Americans can no longer afford to write blank checks to health  
22 care providers or intermediaries without knowing what the base standard quality will be;  
23 and

1           WHEREAS, Working Americans can and must reform health markets so that costs  
2 are stable and predictable and that a high standard of health care can be provided to our  
3 families and communities; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Our greatest opportunity lies in combining our strength as purchasers,  
6 working together to challenge the excessive charges, questioning the excessive and  
7 unjustified costs, demanding an end to the poor quality of care of hospitals, medical groups,  
8 and the health industry in general and focusing our purchasing power directly on providers;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
11 support the California Health Care Coalition of the California Works Foundation and will  
12 participate with other public and private purchasers determined to bring significantly greater  
13 performance accountability and transparency to the healthcare industry.  
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February 22, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 22, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Signature]
Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: March 4, 2005

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.

[Signature]
Clerk of the Board

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