

1 [Supporting Senate Bill 810, the California Health Insurance Reliability Act ]

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

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6 WHEREAS, The California Health Insurance Reliability Act (CHIRA), also known as  
7 SB 810 or CHIRA, will provide comprehensive affordable health coverage to all California  
8 residents through a single public insurance system, like Medicare; and

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Under SB 810, California will use its purchasing power to buy prescription  
25 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 and urges  
22 all the members of the State legislature to sponsor this critical bill; and, be it

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

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