Amendment of the Whole FILE NO. 091463 in Board R 1/12/10

RESOLUTION NO.

to women's health, including access to reproductive choice for all and a robust public option] 2 3 Resolution calling on Congress to pass meaningful healthcare reform that promotes a 4 holistic approach to women's health with access to reproductive choice for all and a 5 robust public option; opposing the Stupak-Ellsworth-Pitts Amendment and an 6 amendment proposed by Senator Ben Nelson that would limit reproductive choice; 7 supporting a strong public option like that proposed by Senator John D. Rockefeller or 8 Representative Raul Grijalva; urging the United States Senate to pass meaningful 9 healthcare reform that ensures access to health services, including reproductive 10

[Calling on Congress to pass meaningful healthcare reform that promotes a holistic approach

health; urging the US Senate to continue opposing the inclusion of anti-choice
language in health care reform; encouraging conferees to remove the Stupak
amendment and include a robust public option; and commending members of the
California congressional delegation who supported a robust public option and

- opposed the restrictions on reproductive choice.
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WHEREAS, The United States Senate is currently debating comprehensive healthcare reform; and

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WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted File # 090968 in support
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of President Obama's healthcare principles including a robust public option; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has passed many resolutions supporting access to reproductive choice, including File #050019 which urged all legal authorities to fully facilitate the protection of the right of women to control their reproductive health.

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1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives passed legislation to enact healthcare 2 reform, HR 3962, that included a public option but also an amendment by Representative Bart 3 Stupak of Michigan that limits reproductive choice in that public option and an insurance 4 "exchange" and would deny millions of American women access to reproductive health 5 services; and, 6 WHEREAS, The United States Senate now has an opportunity to pass meaningful 7 healthcare reform that ensures women's reproductive health: now, therefore, be it 8 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports meaningful 9 healthcare reform that promotes a holistic approach to women's health that includes access to 10 reproductive choice for all and a robust public option; and be it 11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco opposes the 12 Stupak-Pitts-Ellsworth Amendment and an amendment proposed by Senator Ben Nelson and 13 calls on the United States Senate to pass healthcare reform that protects a woman's right to 14 access reproductive health services, including abortion; and, be it 15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports a robust 16 public option like that proposed by Senator John D. Rockefeller or Representative Raul 17 Grijalva, so everyone has access to adequate healthcare including reproductive choice; and 18 be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the House 19 and Senate to protect those who already have coverage from paying the cost of insuring the 20 21 uninsured via taxes on fully insured health plans, excise taxes on health insurance premiums, 22 pharmaceuticals, durable medical equipment and medical devices and by limiting 23 contributions to flex spending accounts for medical expenses to \$2,500 per year, and, be it 24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the House 25 and Senate to remove anti-trust exemptions for health insurance and medical malpractice

1	Insurance companies, and to prohibit "age rating" which allows insurers to discriminate based
2	on age in insurance pricing and be it
3	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the House
4	and Senate to include the Community Living and Supporting Services (CLASS) program a
5	voluntary home and community based services as an alternative to institutionalization; and be
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7	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges House and
8	Senate to maintain adequate funding for Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) and
9	increased funding for the Federal Medical Assistance Program (FMAP) for the addition of
10	uninsured people below 150% of federal poverty to Medicaid, and be it
11	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges House and
12	Senate conferees to remove the Stupak amendment and include a robust public option; and,
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14	FURTHER RESOLVED, That City and County of San Francisco commends members
15	of the California congressional delegation who opposed the Stupak amendment or Senator
16	Nelson's amendment and supported a robust public option.
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