[Endorsing the proposal developed by the Department of Public Health's Bringing Up Healthy Kids Coalition to provide health coverage to thousands of children in working families in San Francisco, and urging the Mayor to include funding for this initiative in the proposed City Budget for FY 2001-2002.]

Resolution endorsing the proposal developed by the Department of Public Health's Bringing Up Healthy Kids Coalition to provide health coverage to thousands of children in working families in San Francisco, and urging the Mayor to include funding for this initiative in the proposed City Budget for FY 2001-2002.

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Universal Health Insurance has recommended an incremental approach to providing health coverage to all the City's residents, and children are the least expensive population group to insure; and,

WHEREAS, recent studies show that San Francisco has the highest percentage of uninsured residents of any county in California, including an estimated 9,000-10,000 children; and.

WHEREAS, parents with uninsured children are more likely to use more expensive emergency room care, which costs the City at least \$6 million a year; and,

WHEREAS, children in working families with incomes between 250% and 300% of the federal poverty level are ineligible for existing publicly-funded programs such as Medical and Healthy Families, as are undocumented children; and,

WHEREAS, in February 2001, the San Francisco Department of Health approved a plan to provide comprehensive health coverage to more than 5,000 children in SF; and,

WHEREAS, both the Mayor and the SF Board of Education have expressed keen interest in extending health coverage to the City's uninsured children, and increasing outreach efforts to eligible families to enroll them in existing programs; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco has an unprecedented opportunity to do what only one other locality in the country has done – provide health coverage to thousands of children in working families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses the proposal developed by the Department of Public Health's Bringing Up Healthy Kids Coalition to provide health coverage to thousands of children in working families in San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to include funding for this initiative in the proposed City Budget for FY 2001-2002.



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May 21, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval Absent: 3 - Leno, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 21, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board