

1 [Supporting the Creation of the Health Information Exchange]

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Annual savings from a Health Care Information Exchange ranges from
19 \$81 billion to \$162 billion, according to a report from the Commission on U.S. Federal
20 Leadership in Health and Medicine; and

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

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

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

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

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

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



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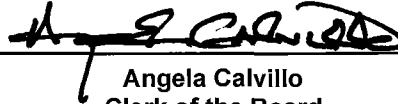
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April 26, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/26/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED

Mayor Edwin Lee

5/6/11

Date Approved

Date: May 6, 2011

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.



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