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RESOLUTION NO. 122-17

[Supporting California State Senate Bill 562 (Lara and Atkins) - Californians for a Healthy California Act - Establishing of a Comprehensive Universal Single-Payer Health Care Coverage Program]

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill 562, authored by Senators Lara and Atkins, the Californians for a Healthy California Act, that would establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a system for health care cost control for the benefit of all state residents.

WHEREAS, Existing federal law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), enacted various health care coverage market reforms that took effect

January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, PPACA required each state, by January 1, 2014, to establish an American Health Benefit Exchange to facilitate the purchase of qualified health benefit plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers; and

WHEREAS, Existing state law created the California Health Benefit Exchange, also known as Covered California, to facilitate the purchase of qualified health plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers; and

WHEREAS, While PPACA has brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage; and

WHEREAS, The 45th President of the United States, Donald Trump, signed an executive order on his first day in office giving federal agencies broad powers to dismantle regulations created under the PPACA; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Order explicitly asserted that the Trump Administration's official policy is "to seek the prompt repeal" of the PPACA which, if effected, could result in the

loss of \$18 billion in federal funding for the expanded Medi-Cal program and \$5.4 billion in premium subsidies and cost-sharing reductions for Covered California, endangering the exchange's survival, according to a report issued by the California State Legislative Analyst's Office; and

WHEREAS, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have also experienced a rise in the cost of health care and health care coverage in recent years, including rising premiums, deductibles, and copays, as well as restricted provider networks and high out-of-network charges; and

WHEREAS, To address the threats to the PPACA and the ensuing fiscal crisis facing the health care system and the state, and to ensure Californians can maintain their access to health care, comprehensive health care coverage needs to be provided; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 562 ("SB 562"), known as the Californians for a Healthy California Act, is currently being considered by the California State Legislature, and would establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to support SB 562, such that Californians can be assured of access to affordable and comprehensive health care necessary for a healthy and prosperous state; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to forward this resolution to the Speaker of the Assembly and President Pro Tem of the Senate of the California State Legislature.



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Resolution

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April 04, 2017 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

April 11, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

File No. 170304

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/11/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned Mayor

4/21/17

Date Approved

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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board

City and County of San Francisco

<u>4/21/17</u> Date

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