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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HEALTHY CALIFORNIA NOW! ADVOCATING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE, UNIVERSAL, SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE PROGRAM AND A HEALTH CARE COST CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, every Californian should have a right to health care; and

WHEREAS, while the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage; and

WHEREAS, on his first day in office, President Trump signed an executive order giving federal agencies broad powers to dismantle regulations created under the PPACA; and the executive order stated that the Trump Administration's official policy is "to seek the prompt repeal" of the PPACA; and

WHEREAS, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have 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, businesses have also experienced increases in the costs of health care benefits for their employees, and many employers are shifting a larger share of the cost of coverage to their employees or dropping coverage entirely; and

WHEREAS, Healthy California Now's grassroots campaign would create a "comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system" for the benefit of all 38 million Californians – including undocumented residents; and

WHEREAS, a single payer system would consistently cover all Californians, because coverage is based on residency, not a person's changing income or employment status; and

WHEREAS, a single payer system would eliminate out of control co-pays and high deductibles, and reduce costs by cutting out insurance company waste and duplication; and

WHEREAS, a single payer system would give patients the freedom to choose their doctor, and would manage prescription drug costs; and

WHEREAS, Healthy California Now is sponsored by a broad network of grassroots organizations comprised of community, labor, immigrant rights, business, senior, healthcare providers and advocates; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council supports Healthy California Now and will engage in its grassroots campaign to bring health care justice to all Californians.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council endorses Healthy CA Now!

Submitted by: Healthy CA Now! Executive Director, Amy Hines-Shaikh; amy@healthyca.org
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