

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
IN SUPPORT OF SB 840 (KUEHL), THE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS ACT

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable health care is a crisis of growing proportion in California and in the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over six million Californians, including 20,000 residents of Marin County, do not have adequate health coverage and an even greater number have only limited or inadequate coverage; and

WHEREAS, even where health insurance coverage is available, individuals and health care providers face a sometimes bewildering array of programs, out-of-pocket costs and administrative hassles that hinder the delivery of effective health care; and

WHEREAS, previous, piecemeal approaches to this crisis have not achieved the goals of universal, comprehensive, effective and affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors, through its June 2003 statement of support for SB 921, the Health Care for All Californians Act, has expressed its support for a single-payer universal health care system; and

WHEREAS, a January 2005 analysis of the proposed Health Care for All Californians Act, conducted by the Lewin Group, has confirmed that passage of the Act will allow California to receive effective and comprehensive health care, while reducing the costs borne by individuals, government and by business; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kuehl has reintroduced the Health Care for All Californians Act, SB 840, for consideration of the Legislature:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its support for this single payer universal health care plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County's legislative advocate be directed to convey Marin County's support for SB 840 as it proceeds through the Legislative process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ____th day of _____, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK