

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
IN SUPPORT OF

PROPOSITION 86
"THE TOBACCO TAX ACT OF 2006"

WHEREAS, the increasing number of individuals without health care insurance is a problem in Marin County and throughout California and the United States, and it is well documented that persons without health care insurance are less likely to receive necessary preventive and primary care; and

WHEREAS, children who do not have adequate health insurance are more likely to have difficulty in school and in their overall development; and

WHEREAS, Marin County has recognized the need for comprehensive health insurance for all children and has provided County and community funds to ensure that all Marin County children have health insurance; and

WHEREAS, despite the efforts of the County and of the Marin County community, there is a need for additional ongoing resources to support children's health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 86, the "Tobacco Tax Act of 2006," would impose an additional 13 cent tax on each cigarette distributed (\$2.60 per pack), and indirectly increase taxes on other tobacco products, to generate new state tobacco excise tax revenues of about \$2.1 billion annually by Fiscal Year 2007-08 to fund various health programs, and tobacco-related programs, including funding so that every child in California can receive affordable health care insurance; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 86 would represent up to \$1.5 million annually of health care coverage to Marin County children, including the over 1,100 currently insured through the CalKids program primarily sponsored by the Marin Community foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin County Board of Supervisors supports the approval of Proposition 86, the "Tobacco Tax Act of 2006," and urges the voters of the County of Marin to support Proposition 86 on the November 7, 2006 statewide ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ____th day of _____, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK