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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Patricia Grisham, Administrative Secretary I, 253-4424
SUBJECT: Presentation of a proclamation endorsing health insurance for all children in Napa County

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation endorsing health insurance for all children in Napa County. (Supervisor Dodd)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Children's Health Initiative Napa County is requesting the presentation of a proclamation endorsing health insurance for all children in Napa County. (Supervisor Dodd)

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

With a belief that a healthy community starts with healthy children, Children's Health Initiative Napa County was formed by over 35 Napa County community leaders, physicians and child advocates representing schools, government entities, healthcare organizations, service providers and foundations. Major funding partners include Auction Napa Valley, First 5 Napa County, the County of Napa, The California Endowment, Queen of the Valley

Hospital, Kaiser Permanente, the Blue Shield Foundation, and St. Joseph's Health System Foundation. Through this collaborative effort there are 2,100 more children in Napa County with health insurance than when this collaborative began in March 2005.

Children's Health Initiative (CHI) is asking the Napa County Board of Supervisors to present this proclamation as one more demonstration of your commitment to the health of the children of our community. CHI's accomplishments to date would not have been possible without the County's support to insure all children in Napa County. With several bills in the state assembly and senate as well as the Governor's health proposal, CHI believes that there is an opportunity to provide health coverage for all of our children that has not been seen the likes of in sixty years. This proclamation does not endorse a specific program or any particular legislative action, but puts the Board on record as supporting the principle of health insurance for all children. In that regard, it should be noted that the proclamation makes no distinction between those children who are legal residents of the United States and those who are not. CHI, which the County funds, provides services to children regardless of immigration status, but the Board has never discussed this policy issue.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Children's Health Initiative Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman