

Every Patient Matters, Healthcare Jobs Matter: Our County Cannot Afford Cuts to Medicare and Medi-Cal

WHEREAS, by November 23, 2011, a Congressional “super committee” must come up with a proposal to reduce our nation’s debt by \$1.5 trillion over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, we want to be sure our nation’s elected leaders protect the healthcare services Americans are counting on and work to create good jobs, not cut America’s healthcare safety net; and

WHEREAS, so many in our county are struggling to find work and have been affected by the worst economic downturn in our lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, Medicare and Medi-Cal generate millions of good jobs in the healthcare sector and beyond; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 of every 10 jobs in California is in the healthcare sector and for every \$1 million in Medicaid cuts 17 jobs would be lost; and

WHEREAS, we believe the health of our community is vitally important; and

WHEREAS, millions of children, the elderly and people with disabilities rely on healthcare provided through the federally-funded Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal) programs established in 1965; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and the County of Alameda have already made massive cuts to healthcare providers and to services for children, the elderly and citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the cost of healthcare for California residents continues to rise, putting further strain on our state, counties and cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, does hereby proclaim that the County of Alameda stands in support of quality healthcare in our community, believes that every patient matters and that healthcare jobs and the people who hold them are important to our community’s well-being, believes it is important to maintain adequate funding for the healthcare industry to ensure that it can continue to create jobs and contribute to our economic recovery, and that the County of Alameda will send a message to the entire California Congressional delegation with the message: *Protect Medicare and Medicaid.*

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