

WHEREAS, the Children’s Health Initiative was launched in 2001 with the goal of making comprehensive health insurance accessible to all children living in Santa Clara County from families with income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; Santa Clara County was the first to create such an initiative in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Health Initiative has dramatically improved health coverage for Santa Clara County children since its inception with 10,000 children enrolled in the Healthy Kids program, a milestone in access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, this success is largely due to community support, funding partnerships, and outreach to families, including the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors’ contribution of \$3 million dollars each year and the efforts of the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center; despite this success, a waiting list does exist for more children who need healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente believes in quality health care for all, is working toward universal healthcare coverage for California’s children, and has a long-standing commitment to reducing health disparities between social and economic groups; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente has engaged in multi-faceted partnerships and multi-level grant-making by supporting outreach and enrollment efforts of the Children’s Health Initiative, as well as creating a Child Health Plan that is specifically designed to be an affordable option for uninsured children from families with incomes below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente responded proactively to the pressing needs of children in Santa Clara County, in the spirit of partnership, to address the existing wait list in the Healthy Kids program by enrolling these children into the Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby commend

Kaiser Permanente

for its outstanding contribution to the health of children in Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Fourteenth Day of October, Two Thousand Eight by unanimous vote.

Pete McHugh, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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