



**CALIFORNIA EDUCATION COALITION FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM
SAMPLE RESOLUTION LANGUAGE
HEALTH CARE COSTS, 2010-2011**

WHEREAS, [your district] is deeply concerned for adequate and stable funding to support academic achievement and to promote programs for the health and safety of all students and employees; and

WHEREAS, California's school districts have lost over \$20 billion in revenue and deferrals the past two years and must prepare for significant additional cuts as the State faces continued budget deficits; and

WHEREAS, Total spending on health care by California school districts exceeded \$5.3 billion in 2007-08, and has been increasing by \$300 million each year for the past ten years, funded from at-risk and unstable state revenue; and

WHEREAS, District employees contributed over \$400 million out of their paychecks for health insurance premiums in 2007-08, while paying significant out-of-pocket costs as well; and

WHEREAS, The State budget portends dire consequences of dramatic reductions in support staff at schools as well as widespread teacher layoffs and increased class sizes, which will be exacerbated if health care expenditures continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, The cost of health care is an essential element of district expenditures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the [your district] acknowledges the service the health care industry provides the district employer and all employees; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the [your district] has an expectation that health care plans and providers will do everything in their power to maintain current costs and levels of health care programs through increased efficiencies, pricing restraint, support of quality and appropriate care, and will, where possible, after thorough and joint analyses, manage premium costs for the foreseeable future.