



California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE ANTICIPATED TO LEAD TO A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.

WHEREAS, assessments of California's health care work force point to a shortage of up to 17,000 physicians in the state by 2015; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley currently has 24 percent fewer primary care physicians and approximately 50 percent fewer specialists per capita than the rest of California as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Valley, which is already medically underserved, will be disproportionately impacted by a statewide shortage of physicians; and

WHEREAS, the Valley's growing population and high incidence of health problems point to an overwhelming need to address access to health care in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Valley loses millions of dollars from the economy each year as local residents with health insurance coverage seek medical care outside of the region; and

WHEREAS, one of UC Merced's goals is to be a leader in a health-care alliance aimed at improving the well being of San Joaquin Valley residents; and

WHEREAS, an expert task force charged with beginning planning for UC health sciences and medical education in the San Joaquin Valley recommends a model that leverages existing health care resources in the Valley, thereby bypassing the \$2-4 million per bed price tag associated with constructing a new and university-owned teaching hospital; and

WHEREAS, the recommended model for medical education at UC Merced trains students at clinical sites throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the recommended model for medical education at UC Merced aims to increase the number of health care professionals practicing in the Valley, particularly those that are competent in multi-cultural medicine; and

WHEREAS, A University of California school of medicine in the Valley will raise the level of care across the Valley through access to the latest advances and treatments associated with UC health sciences research programs, change perceptions about health care quality, keep health care dollars in the region and serve as an economic engine for the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley must be united in its efforts to develop a stellar medical education program that serves the health needs of its residents;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to continue to support the work of the University of California Merced to bring a medical school the San Joaquin Valley;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Board Members of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to recommend actions that will improve the economic well being of the Valley and the quality of life of its diverse residents, support the development of health sciences research and graduate medical education programs led by UC Merced that are anticipated to lead to a school of medicine in the San Joaquin Valley.

PASSED APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 7 day of April, 2006, by the board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

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