

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE *SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY* SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE (UCR) FOR A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The Board of Directors of the San Bernardino County Medical Society does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino represent 10.4% of the State's population, greater than 22 states of the union; and

WHEREAS, these two Counties represent the fastest growing region in the State with 4 million people and 17% of the State's geography which equates to an area larger than 10 states of the union; and

WHEREAS, UC Riverside is the only comprehensive public doctoral research university in the region, making it a critical resource for the Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, the need for a medical school in the Inland Southern California region is apparent as the two county area of San Bernardino and Riverside is projected to have a shortfall of physicians by 2015 equal to 53% or 1,140 physicians; and

WHEREAS, the region also has the lowest number of primary care and specialist physicians per 100,000 in the state; and

WHEREAS, studies show that 70% of physicians stay in the area where they served their residencies; and

WHEREAS, California's supply of physicians is expected to be 10% less than demand; and

WHEREAS, only one-quarter of California's physicians are trained in the state; and

WHEREAS, a UC Riverside School of Medicine will be the first new public school of medicine west of the Mississippi in the 21st century and the first research-based school of medicine in California in nearly half a century; and

WHEREAS, for 30 years UC Riverside has provided the first two-years of medical school through the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences; and

WHEREAS, a UC Riverside has world-class expertise with more than 100 faculty conducting research in health-related fields; and

WHEREAS, a UC Riverside School of Medicine would partner with regional hospitals and clinics for its clinical programs; and

WHEREAS, a UC Riverside School of Medicine would encourage high-tech start-up companies and attract others to the region, creating valuable jobs; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a School of Medicine would create a new knowledge of medicine, which translates to improved health care; and

WHEREAS, *the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY* urges local and state legislators, Regents of the University of California to also support the efforts of UC Riverside for a School of Medicine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The *San Bernardino County Medical Society* commits to supporting the efforts of the University of California Riverside for a School of Medicine.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED AT THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 31, 2006.