

**A RESOLUTION FOR WORKING PARENTS:
Quality Child Care and Preschool for All in California**

_____ does hereby find and resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, we believe that the children of California’s working families are our future and, therefore, have a right to the highest quality education beginning with parental involvement, quality child care and access to preschool for all, and

WHEREAS, parental bonding is crucial to a child’s development, infant care is the most expensive and least available form of child care, parental leave would allow parents to stay home and bond with new born or newly-adopted infants, and

WHEREAS, by partnering with parents, who are their children’s first teachers, quality child care and preschool programs prepare children to do their best by nurturing their social-emotional, cognitive, linguistic and physical development; enhancing their self confidence; and paving the way for a lifetime of learning; and

WHEREAS, parental involvement is important to a child’s success in school, flexible work hours permit working parents to participate in school activities, and

WHEREAS, ensuring access to quality preschool for all 3- and 4-year-olds whose parents choose to send them has proven to be one of the soundest educational and financial investments the public can make; and

WHEREAS, ensuring access to quality, affordable child care for all children 0-5 and before and after school programs for school age children is essential for children’s safety and development and for parents’ ability to work, and

WHEREAS, preschool and child care programs should be funded adequately in order to assure quality education and to pay wages and provide benefits comparable to those in California’s K-12 system; and be linked to full-day, affordable early care and education programs to meet the needs of working families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

_____ endorse and support efforts toward parental leave for bonding, flexible working hours for parents and more public funding for quality child care including efforts to create a state-funded preschool system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

_____ work with its affiliates and other stakeholders to build support for a child care and universal preschool system that works for working parents.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT:

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_____ make it clear to legislators and stakeholders that any plan for child care and universal preschool will succeed only with the commitment and adequate fiscal resources to ensure adequate professional salaries for the emerging preschool workforce, adequate funds for facilities and for the higher education needed to develop that workforce.

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