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### **RESOLUTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF PROP 23 THE CALIFORNIA JOBS INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS** the unemployment rate in California has risen to over twelve percent, representing more than 2.2 million persons without jobs; and

**WHEREAS** California and its citizens are suffering from a prolonged economic recession that has seen the state's budget deficits escalate to tens of billions of dollars and are projected by the Legislative Analyst's Office to remain so for years to come; and

**WHEREAS** California families have been struggling under the weight of job losses, home foreclosures, tax increases, utility rate increases and other financial burdens that threaten their ability to make ends meet; and

**WHEREAS** regulations related to the implementation of AB 32 are projected to increase the cost of energy, fuel, housing and other essential goods and services by billions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS** AB 32-related regulations are also projected to impose tax increases and new taxes and fees in the tens of billions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS** these costs will force California businesses to raise consumer prices, lay off workers, downsize their operations, leave the state or go out of business altogether; and

**WHEREAS** these severe impacts on business are projected to eliminate over 1 million California jobs; and

**WHEREAS** the California Air Resources Board and others have determined that AB 32's higher energy costs and job losses will disproportionately impact low-income families and small businesses; and

**WHEREAS** California is the only state currently moving ahead with regulations of this nature; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government and other nations are not planning to adopt climate change regulations commensurate with those pending implementation under California's AB 32; and

**WHEREAS** the California Air Resources Board has acknowledged that California acting alone can have no impact on global warming; and

**WHEREAS** the implementation of AB 32 at this time will do nothing to mitigate worldwide climate change; and

**WHEREAS** the California Jobs Initiative would temporarily suspend implementation of AB 32 until California's unemployment rate drops to 5.5% for four consecutive quarters; and

**WHEREAS** stringent laws and regulations that protect California's air and water quality and the health of its citizens would remain intact under the California Jobs Initiative; and

**WHEREAS** proposition 23 would protect over a million jobs and spare families, taxpayers, businesses, consumers and the state's economy as a whole billions of dollars in higher taxes, energy costs and other expenses at a time they can least afford it;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, California, in the interest of protecting this jurisdiction, its citizens and the state from massive job losses, unaffordable utility rate increases, and other economic harm, hereby endorses the California Jobs Initiative Proposition 23.

**RESOLVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.