



DISTRICT 2



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District 2 of the IATSE represents over 44,000 technicians, artisans and craftspeople employed in stagecraft, motion picture and television production, the trade show industry, and affiliated crafts throughout California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.

Delegates assembled at the IATSE District 2 Convention held May 15-16, 2010 passed the resolution below.

On behalf of IATSE District 2 I urge your action in support of this resolution.

The California Universal Health Care Act State Senate Bill 810

WHEREAS, Almost seven million people in California are not covered by any health plan and can rely only on tax-supported emergency health services; and

WHEREAS, The current economic climate along with decreasing numbers of working people with employer-provided health care, rising health care costs, and ever-increasing premiums and out-of-pocket co-pays all have a major impact on unions and workers negotiating contracts with comprehensive health plans and employer-paid premiums; and

WHEREAS, The IATSE as an international supports single-payer health care and has endorsed at the 66th Quadrennial IATSE Convention “The United States National Health Insurance Act, U.S. Congress Bill H.R. 676” written by Congressman John Conyers; and

WHEREAS, The California Universal Healthcare Act, SB 810, introduced by State Senator Mark Leno, would establish a non-profit, publicly administered, single payer, comprehensive health plan that guarantees consumers a choice of primary physicians and health providers; and

WHEREAS, SB 810 would result in reduced costs to employers, consumers
And the public; and

WHEREAS, The California Labor Federation and dozens of labor unions
around California have endorsed SB 810, including several IATSE locals;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the delegates convened at the 2010
IATSE District 2 annual convention hereby formally endorse and affirm
support for California Senate Bill 810 – The California Universal Healthcare
Act; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we communicate the IATSE District 2
endorsement of Senate Bill 810 - The California Universal Healthcare Act,
to our elected representatives (and their staffs), to the California governor
and to other labor organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the IATSE District 2 continues
Support for the ongoing educational, lobbying and mobilizing efforts for
Universal Single Payer Healthcare by publicizing this Resolution on our
website, electronic communications and in our publications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the IATSE District 2 supports any
similar Single-Payer healthcare legislation in the states of Hawaii, Arizona
and Nevada; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Executive Board of IATSE District
2 monitor the progress of SB 810 as it moves forward in the legislature, and
that District 2 reserves the right and the duty to withdraw support of SB 810
in the future if any amendments to the legislation undermine or diminish our
members' hard-fought-for health benefits and our then-current standards of
coverage.

Regards,



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