

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF  
INCREASED LEVEL OF MEDI-CAL FUNDING FOR LONG-TERM CARE  
FACILITIES

WHEREAS, one-third of all Californians will spend at least some time in a nursing home or other long-term care facility; and

WHEREAS, the demand for high-quality, long-term healthcare services is expected to balloon as the population ages; and

WHEREAS, facility caregivers are dedicated and loving professionals who provide a vitally important service; and

WHEREAS, more than 250,000 Californians receive care from 120,000 caregivers in a nursing facility each year, and thousands more in facilities for people with developmental disabilities and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the statewide average wage for a caregiver is \$7.50 per hour; and

WHEREAS, California nursing homes cannot recruit, train and retain the tens of thousands of new caregivers required to meet staffing needs; and

WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of all nursing facility residents rely on the government to pay for their care; and

WHEREAS, nearly 100 percent of the care for individuals in facilities serving the developmentally disabled are dependent upon Medi-Cal; and

WHEREAS, California's percentage of Medi-Cal spending on long-term care ranks 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation; and

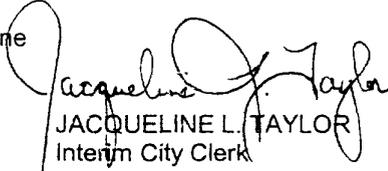
WHEREAS, it is in the public's best interest to fund nursing homes at a level sufficient to ensure quality resident care and a stabilized workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lodi, that we urge the California Legislature and the Davis Administration to invest in the future of California's senior and disabled populations by increasing the level of Medi-Cal funding for long-term care facilities to ensure quality resident care through the development of a well-trained, appreciated and stable workforce.

Dated: April 5, 2000

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-51 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 5, 2000 by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Land, Nakanishi, Pennino and Mann (Mayor)
- NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

  
 JACQUELINE L. TAYLOR  
 Interim City Clerk