

RESOLUTION NO. 071592

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 946 (STEINBERG), HEALTH CARE  
COVERAGE: MENTAL ILLNESS: DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER AND AUTISM

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of  
California, that

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 1.5 million individuals in the U.S., and tens of millions  
worldwide, are affected by autism, a developmental disorder that affects the brain's  
normal development of social and communication skills, and

**WHEREAS**, the number of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders in  
San Mateo County has increased from 236 in 2000 to 973 in 2009, according to the  
California Department of Education, and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 946 would require health insurance plans and health  
care service plans to provide coverage for behavioral health treatment for pervasive  
developmental disorder or autism; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 946 would require health care service plans and health  
insurers to maintain an adequate network of qualified autism services providers, and  
defines this term to include unlicensed providers that are supervised by licensed  
providers; and

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**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 946 would define behavioral treatment as evidence-based treatment prescribed by a licensed physician and surgeon and provided by a qualified autism service provider; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 946 is intended to ensure that that health plans and insurance companies provide adequate clarity with regard to the issues of coverage for pervasive developmental disorder or autism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors, by the adoption of this resolution, hereby supports Senate Bill 946 (Steinberg) regarding health care coverage, mental illness, developmental disorders and autism.

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Regularly passed and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

*AYES and in favor of said resolution:*

*Supervisors:*

DAVE PINE

CAROLE GROOM

DON HORSLEY

ROSE JACOBS GIBSON

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

*NOES and against said resolution:*

NONE

*Absent Supervisors:*

NONE

Carole Groom

President, Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo  
State of California

Certificate of Delivery

*I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.*

Ashnita Narayan  
Ashnita Narayan, Deputy  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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