

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-41

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
IN SUPPORT OF THE UC MERCED MEDICAL SCHOOL**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore duly called and held on October 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., it was moved by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ and carried that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the University of California, Merced is planning a medical school, founded on a community based distributive model of medical education, which will best serve the needs of the San Joaquin Valley and focus teaching and research on the community health needs of the region; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley has historically been an underserved region in terms of recruiting and retaining medical professionals and has 31 percent fewer primary physicians and 51 percent fewer specialists than the rest of the state, making the creation of the UC Merced Medical School a vital step that can be taken to address this shortage; and

WHEREAS, a Medical School is needed in the San Joaquin Valley, whose projected population growth rates are twice that of the rest of the state, in order to avoid a serious health care crisis in the future; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Supervisors from the nine county region of the San Joaquin Valley have adopted resolutions in support of the development of the medical school; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Advisory Group has recommended delay of UC Merced's current plan due to the recent economic downturn in the State of California and the nation as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, the Valley Coalition for UC Merced's Medical School was awarded a \$147,000 grant from the California Endowment to engage the nine county region of the San Joaquin Valley in order to obtain input from these communities and make recommendations to the University of California as to how to best develop a UC quality program that meets the needs of the San Joaquin Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lemoore City Council strongly supports the continued planning of UC Merced's Medical School; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lemoore City Council does call upon the Board of Regents of the University of California, the University of California Office of the President, and UC Merced officials to provide funding for the development of the three-phase program, and modify the timeline in Phase III, so that a fully implemented program is implemented by 2015 to meet the growing needs of the San Joaquin Valley.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 20th day of October, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINING:

APPROVED:

John F. Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci C.O. Lima, CMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF KINGS) ss.
CITY OF LEMOORE)

I, Nanci C. O. Lima, City Clerk of the City of Lemoore do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemoore was duly passed and adopted at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore called and held on October 20, 2009.

Dated: October 21, 2009

Nanci C. O. Lima, CMC
City Clerk