Resolution supporting the medical practice of acupuncture and the National Oriental Medicine Accreditation Agency and the creation of Doctor of Oriental Medicine Study programs in the California State university System and University of California medical System.

WHEREAS, Californians may seek the services directly from an acupuncturist and are defined in the California Acupuncture Act as a Primary Care Profession; and,

WHEREAS, The California Office of Administrative Law\(^1\) formally approved a set of medical treatment guidelines (§ 9792.20. Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule) for California’s Worker’s Compensation system, that direct acupuncturists; and,

WHEREAS, The legislature also recognizes acupuncture as a comprehensive healing system and sees the act as “a framework for the practice of the art and science of oriental medicine through acupuncture.”; and,

WHEREAS, Consistent with recent legislation that raised the minimum number of curricular hours for approved programs from 2348 to 3000 for all students entering such programs on or after January 1, 2005 (AB 1943 (Chu, 2002); and,

WHEREAS, the National Oriental Medicine Accreditation Agency (NOMAA) a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization) has developed and established programmatic criteria for the first Professional Doctor of Oriental Medicine (O.M.D.) Degree in the U.S; and,

\(^1\)The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) ensures that agency regulations are clear, necessary, legally valid, and available to the public. OAL is responsible for reviewing administrative regulations proposed by over 200 state agencies for compliance with the standards set forth in California’s Administrative Procedure Act (APA), for transmitting these regulations to the Secretary of State and for publishing regulations in the California Code of Regulations.

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WHEREAS, the National Oriental Medicine Accreditation Agency NOMAA's curriculum is compliant with the requirements of the National Institutes of Health (NIH,) the Academy of Science, the Institute of Medicine, and standards are in congruence with the NIH Consensus Report concerning both education and research; and,

WHEREAS, the development of Evidence- Based guidelines by researchers from NOMAA and CAOMA have been accepted by the National Guidelines Clearinghouse and modeled after the newly approved Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule; and,

WHEREAS, The NOMAA program offers peer reviewed and authenticated evidence and physiologically based training that relies on modern translations of the ancient texts, consistent with the historic foundations and present understanding of Chinese/oriental medicine; including the *Huangdi Neijing* (ca. 600 - 300 BCE) including both the *Lingshu* and *Suwen* volumes; and,

WHEREAS, NOMAA established the first national standard for entry into the profession that exceeds all state mandated educational requirements, and addresses future educational needs of the profession; and,

WHEREAS, NOMAA's curriculum standards are the only oriental medicine degree program that complies with the requirements of the California Acupuncture Board and the recommendations of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Consensus Report and the Academy of Science Institute of Medicine 2005 report on alternative Medicine concerning both education and research; and,

WHEREAS, A letter sent by the Chinese Minister of Health praised the efforts of NOMAA in the field of Chinese/Asian medicine. The letter was mailed November 15, 2006 to U.S. Congressman Ed Royce, (R) 40th District of California (Orange County); and,

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WHEREAS, NOMAA's staff was invited to Beijing for a meeting with the Chinese
Minister of Health, and his staff after meeting at a related conference in Toronto, Canada,
September, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, Populations throughout the U.S, and more specifically within California,
multicultural medical needs are being met by the increased use of Oriental medicine
treatments and procedures; and,

WHEREAS, At the same time the use of this medicine is growing, many within the
Asian culture are denied their cultural medicine because it is not fully integrated with our U.S.
System; and,

WHEREAS, Medicine that works is not western medicine, nor eastern, nor integrated,
nor complimentary, if it works it is simply medicine and needs to be readily available for all
patients to use; and,

WHEREAS, NOMAA has the support of U.S. Congressman Adam A Schiff (D, CA –
29th District and U.S. Congressman Edward R. Royce (R, CA 40th District). Both
Congressmen Schiff and Royce are also members of the Congressional International
Relations Committee; and,

WHEREAS, NOMAA has the support of the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, and in
particular: California State Senator Leland Yee, District 8, California Assembly members
Fiona Ma, Majority Whip, (D, 12th District) Mike Eng, (D, 49th District), District) and Board of
Equalization Judy Chu (former Assemblywoman D, 49th District); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby supports the National Oriental
Medicine Accreditation Agency in its efforts to promote a Doctor of Oriental Medicine study
program (O.M.D.), which is physiologically based; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby supports the
establishment of a Doctor of Oriental Medicine study program (O.M.D.) within the California
State University System and the University of California Medical System, particularly at the
California State University, San Francisco. In turn, such an action would bring research
grants to California; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That local, state and federal funding be sought to establish and sustain
such research in the City and County of San Francisco.
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September 18, 2007  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin
Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Sandoval

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 18, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom