

**RESOLUTION NO. 2380****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SOLEDAD  
"OPPOSING PROPOSITION 186"**

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 186 amounts to a state government takeover of the entire health care system in California, including programs administered at the local level; and,

**WHEREAS**, the \$40 to \$50 billion required to operate this new system will double the size of state government; and,

**WHEREAS**, projected deficits in the new system will require additional taxes or cuts in existing programs to close the deficit, both of which will mean reduced revenues at the local level; and,

**WHEREAS**, Local governments lose control over health programs for their own employees and retirees; and,

**WHEREAS**, local governments will be required to pay a payroll tax on each employee to the state fund, as well as continuing to provide funds for currently administered programs, thus rendering local government little more than a collector of health care funds with no control over how the money is spent; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act will be abolished and its funds absorbed by the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, the rich package of benefits in Proposition 186 will likely attract non-residents to California seeking health care, thereby imposing ancillary costs on local governments; and,

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 186 may undermine the sole remedy concept of workers' compensation by allowing injured workers to sue collateral sources, leading to a litigation explosion, and weaken the workers' compensation reforms enacted in 1993; and,

**WHEREAS**, the vast shift of power to Sacramento embodied in Proposition 186 will further undermine the ability of cities and counties to provide for health needs of their constituents at the local level.

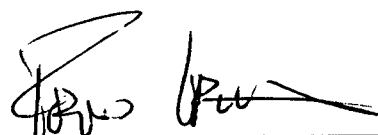
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Soledad opposes Proposition 186 and urges Californians to vote against this measure on November 8, 1994.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 26th day of September, 1994, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: John Holguin, Richard Ortiz, Mayor Pro Tem Fabian Barrera, Mayor Fred Ledesma

NAYES, Councilmembers: None

ABSTAIN, Councilmember: Ben Jimenez

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD